

**Name of Organization:** Tides Foundation

**Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) public charity

**Purpose of Grant:** To support Connect US, a funders' collaborative that promotes responsible U.S. global engagement by fostering stronger collaborations among foreign policy advocacy groups

**FPOS Grant Description:** Tides Foundation seeks renewal support of \$1 million for one year to fund the Connect US funders collaborative that OSI founded with the Hewlett Foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Fund to promote responsible U.S. global engagement by fostering stronger collaborations among foreign policy advocacy groups. The Fund combines 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.

**Previous OSI Support:** 53 grants to the Tides Foundation totaling \$22,279,641.43 since 1997  
Prior support to Connect US has totaled \$3,000,000 since 2004

**Organizational Budget:** \$6.6 million (Tides' core operating budget)

**Project Budget:** \$2,357,000

**Sources of Support:** The Ford Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Ploughshares Fund, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Amount Recommended:** \$1,000,000 (FI: 21096 – U.S. Cooperative Global Engagement)

**Term:** June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

**Description of Organization:**

Since 1976, Tides Foundation has worked with donors committed to social change, bringing resources and people together towards the goal of strengthening community-based nonprofit organizations and the progressive movement through innovative grant making. Tides Foundation is a self-sustaining public charity and a founding organization of Tides Network which has established the Tides Center and other related organizations. The Tides Foundation has offices in San Francisco and New York City and makes grants across the country and across the globe. Tides Foundation offers donor advised funds and other grantmaking vehicles as well as professional philanthropic advice, institutional re-granting services, comprehensive grants management and much more. Since 2000, Tides Foundation granted more than \$400 million to progressive nonprofit organizations. Tides Foundation has a long history in managing

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