

NATIONAL SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
Anticipated Docket 1 Grant Recommendations
March 9, 2009

2009 Docket I and Out of Docket Total: \$2,240,000

Docket I total: \$2,165,000

Out of Docket total: \$75,000

NSHR DOCKET 1 GRANTS

1. ACLU Foundation

\$500,000 over two years to support a new joint initiative, Exposing and Opposing Government Surveillance through Local Advocacy Project, between five ACLU affiliates and the ACLU's National Office that will focus on police surveillance and local counterterrorism measures that intrude upon privacy and chill political dissent. Coordinated and supported by the National Office, the state affiliates will use a combination of strategies, including FOIA requests, litigation, public education, and media advocacy, to raise awareness on how the actions of political and religious activists are being monitored and how surveillance cameras are being used to track innocent people. The annual grant amount of \$250K will be broken out as follows: \$25K to the national ACLU, \$50K to the NYCLU, and \$175K to be divided between the Maryland, Illinois, Washington, and Massachusetts ACLU affiliates.

2. Proteus Fund (as fiscal sponsor for American EnviroNics)

\$150,000 over nine months to support the next phase of an American EnviroNics research project that has been examining fear as a political motivator and studying social values with funding from OSI in 2008. The Real Security to Overcome Fear Project will use social science research and will bring together key security and intelligence experts and rights advocates toward the goal of crafting progressive national security policies and strategic initiatives that appeal to the core values of Americans.

3. American Progressive Caucus Policy Foundation

\$150,000 over two years (\$100,000 in year one, and \$50,000 in year two with a 1:1 match of funds designated for the National Security Program) to support the National Security Project of the American Progressive Caucus Policy Foundation, a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1990. The Foundation serves as a communications, research, and education center for public policymakers, advocates, the media, and the general public to promote peace and global security, energy independence, environmental sustainability, human rights, civil liberties and the health and economic well-being of Americans. The recently launched National Security Project will develop strategic working relationships between progressive organizations across the United States and the 77-member Congressional Progressive Caucus.

4. Center for Victims of Torture

\$80,000 over one year to renew support for the Center for Victims of Torture's Campaign to Ban Torture as it works with non-traditional human rights actors, including retired high-ranking military officers, experienced interrogators, and former high level officials in the areas of intelligence, diplomacy, and defense to urge the Obama administration to seek accountability for torture and contribute their expertise behind the scenes. The new phase of the Campaign to Ban Torture, the Strengthening Key Validator Voices Against Torture Project, will engage existing and new validators to lend bipartisan support to advancing human rights in U.S. counterterrorism policy and reclaiming the American consensus against torture.

5. Government Accountability Project

\$150,000 over two years to support the Government Accountability Project's Homeland Security Program as it advocates on behalf of national security whistleblowers and seeks reforms in the areas of interrogation policy, illegal surveillance, excessive government secrecy, and politically-based discrimination. GAP is a recognized expert in whistleblower defense and has been playing a lead role, along with the National Whistleblower Center, the Project on Government Oversight, and the ACLU, in efforts to secure protections for national security whistleblowers.

6. National Security Institute

\$175,000 over 18 months to support the Creating a Progressive Paradigm Project of the National Security Institute, the 501(c)(3) sister organization of the National Security Network. Through this project, NSI will work with national security, military, and human rights experts, and with political and media leaders, to strengthen the progressive national security community and inform national security policies. The project will provide substantive policy advice to policymakers and advocacy organizations and develop and disseminate strong messages that combine moral and effectiveness arguments and promote new frameworks to replace the overbroad and fear-driven "war on terror" paradigm in the media, the minds of policymakers and influencers, and the public.

7. National Whistleblower Center

\$200,000 over 18 months to support the National Whistleblower Center's Protecting National Security Whistleblowers Campaign as it promotes civil liberties through the defense of national security whistleblowers. The Center is a recognized expert on the defense of law enforcement whistleblowers and has been playing a lead role, along with the Government Accountability Project, the Project on Government Oversight, and the ACLU, in efforts to secure protections for national security whistleblowers.

8. New America Foundation

\$300,000 over 18 months to support a new project, "Leaving the Dark Side: Shaping U.S. Counterterrorism Operations." The project will establish and utilize a "college of experts" that will work with New America staff to review and reframe the counterterrorism policy debate and develop an evidence-based alternative national counterterrorism narrative. New America will present its findings in a policymaker report and a book for the general public.

9. Rights Working Group

\$60,000 over eight months to support Phase One of the Rights Working Group's End Racial Profiling Campaign as it organizes a broad network of civil rights, human rights, and immigrants' rights advocates to fight racial profiling in policing, immigration, and national security investigations. A major component of this work will focus on the profiling of Muslim, Arab, South Asian, Middle Eastern, Latino and immigrant communities. This summer, the Rights Working Group will present OSI's U.S. Programs with a more developed proposal for funding to support the launch of a full-fledged campaign to end racial profiling and will seek to leverage OSI's investment with funding from other donors.

GRANTS TO BE RECOMMENDED WITH THE TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY FUND AND THE EQUALITY & OPPORTUNITY FUND IN TIF/E&O/SOF DOCKET I

1. Breakthrough

\$100,000 over two years in general support, in conjunction with the Equality & Opportunity Fund and Strategic Opportunity Fund for a total of \$300,000 over two years. Breakthrough is an international human rights organization that uses media, education and pop culture to promote values of dignity, equality and justice.

2. Focus Project (OMB-Watch)

\$100,000 over two years in general support, in conjunction with the Transparency & Integrity Fund, for a total of \$500,000 over two years. Created in 1983 to track and expose the activities of the White House Office of Management and Budget, OMB Watch is now a leading nonprofit research and advocacy organization dedicated to promoting government accountability, citizen participation in public policy decisions, and the use of fiscal and regulatory policy to serve the public interest. The organization plays a leadership role in D.C. in a number of transparency coalitions, and its Transparency and Accountability Program seeks to advance policy at the federal level that makes government information more accessible to the public while countering expansive notions of secrecy.

3. Project on Government Oversight

\$200,000 over two years in general support, in conjunction with the Transparency & Integrity Fund, for a total \$500,000 over two years. POGO investigates and exposes government corruption and misconduct and advocates for an open and accountable government, and plays a leadership role in D.C. on issues of transparency, oversight, and accountability. POGO is frequently consulted by whistleblowers, anonymous sources, and high level government officials with insider information on instances of government misconduct, and is widely known for its Congressional trainings on oversight and for its robust investigative programs in the areas of nuclear security, contractor oversight, energy and natural resources, defense, and national security.

OUT OF DOCKET GRANTS

1. Human Rights First [This grant has been approved.]

\$25,000 over one month to support Human Rights First to promote in the media a group of retired military officers and interrogators who have come forward to oppose torture. In addition, HRF and the communications firm of Rabinowitz/Dorf will work on a rapid response communications effort that will assist advocates in countering the backlash against President Obama's January 22 executive orders closing Guantanamo and ending torture.

2. Human Rights First

\$25,000 over two months to support HRF's "Restoring Human Rights to U.S. Detention and Interrogation Policies: How to Evaluate the Obama Administration's First 100 Days" Project. HRF plans to organize and host a public convening that will likely be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in early April. The convening will feature as speakers retired high-ranking military officers and former high level officials in the areas of intelligence, diplomacy, and defense who will urge that the interrogation and detention policies President Obama has ordered inter-agency task forces to recommend by July are in full compliance with human rights standards. In addition to generating publicity surrounding the event, HRF will aim to influence subsequent reporting and analysis of the completion of the first one hundred days of the Obama Administration.

3. Link Media, Inc. [This grant has been approved.]

\$25,000 over two months to Link Media to create a half-hour feature video program on seeking accountability for torture for broadcast on Link TV via satellite television and on Link Media's website; and to develop and maintain a webpage on Link Media's website to educate the public on the national debate to hold the Bush administration accountable for torture of detainees suspected of terrorism.