

MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Programs
From: National Security and Human Rights Campaign Staff – Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon
Date: August 21, 2009
Re: Grant Recommendations for August and September, 2009

Since Docket II was approved, the National Security and Human Rights Campaign has made two out of docket grants. Currently, the Campaign is considering 10 grants for inclusion on Docket III. The Campaign's total contribution on these 12 grants is approximately \$2,180,000.

I. OUT OF DOCKET GRANTS APPROVED IN JULY 2009

1) Center for International Policy

\$125,000 over 7 months

To support the launch of the National Campaign to Close Guantanamo and Defend National Values. The Campaign will provide policy makers with the political cover they need to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center without endorsing a preventive detention system or a military commission system. The Campaign will use carefully tailored messaging to neutralize conservative fear-mongering and will target key jurisdictions for grassroots activism and speaking tours of high profile speakers. While the Campaign will not be partisan in nature, it will directly confront the ways in which the "fear card" is being used to stampede elected officials into voting the wrong way on national security issues. The Center for International Policy was founded in 1975, in the wake of the Vietnam War, by former diplomats and peace activists. With a staff of 35 employees, this D.C.-based organization promotes a U.S. foreign policy based on international cooperation, demilitarization, and respect for basic human rights.

2) Human Rights First

\$375,000 over 7 months

To support the launch of the Campaign to Close Guantanamo and Restore National Security through Human Rights. The Campaign will expand the bipartisan coalition of retired military officers and other national security validators that Human Rights First (HRF) has cultivated over the past several years and will add new validators, including prominent conservatives, governors, mayors, elected local officials, homeland security experts, law enforcement officials, legal experts and academics, and diplomats, and place these validators in the media and on speaking tours in targeted jurisdictions so that they can persuade policymakers and the American public that closing Guantanamo in a rights-respecting manner will promote national security. HRF is based in New York City and maintains a policy office in Washington, D.C. It works to close the gap between global legal standards and their realization, and to promote concrete measures for making human rights standards relevant, enforceable, and permanent. HRF cultivates alliances across the political spectrum, advises policymakers, litigates, engages in public education, and mobilizes activists.

II. NSHR CAMPAIGN GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOCKET III

1) ADC Research Institute

Approximately \$50,000 over six months

To support the organization's retention of, and work with, an outside consultant to undertake an organizational audit and develop a strategic plan. The ADC Research Institute is the not-for-profit affiliate of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, a civil rights organization founded in 1980 that is committed to defending the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their cultural heritage. The Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has four offices and 38 chapters across the U.S.

2) Constitution Project

\$225,000 over 16 months

To support the Recruiting Validators to the Rule of Law Campaign, through which the Constitution Project will help build political coalitions and provide the political cover necessary for the Obama administration to close Guantanamo by January 2010 in a constitutional manner that avoids preventive detention and the revival of military commissions. The grant will also support the Rule of Law Project, which addresses threats to constitutional liberties posed by the expansion of presidential authority in the name of fighting terrorism. The Constitution Project is an independent think tank based in Washington, D.C. that forges consensus recommendations for practical reforms that safeguard the U.S. Constitution.

3) Human Rights Watch

Approximately \$100,000 over one year

To support work to close Guantanamo in a right-respecting manner that rejects indefinite detention and military commissions. Human Rights Watch works to prevent discrimination, uphold political freedom, protect people from inhumane conduct in wartime, and bring offenders to justice. Through the investigation of human rights violations, Human Rights Watch holds abusers to account and challenges governments to end abusive practices and respect international human rights law.

4) International Center for Transitional Justice

\$125,000 over one year

To support the second phase of the U.S. Accountability Project, which has been providing its legal expertise and international perspective to advocacy organizations seeking accountability for torture and other human rights abuses committed in the "war on terror." ICTJ is an international human rights organization whose mission is to promote accountability by helping countries develop effective responses to human rights abuses arising from repressive rule, mass atrocity, and armed conflict. ICTJ is currently engaged in transitional justice projects in more than 30 countries, including developing nations as well as established democracies where historical injustices or systematic abuses remain unresolved. Founded in 2001, ICTJ is headquartered in New York City and has offices around the world.

5) National Security Archive Fund

Approximately \$400,000 over two years.

To support the Open Government and Accountability Program, which engages in policy advocacy, litigation, communications and public education, and scholarship and research to combat government secrecy and ensure independent oversight of the U.S. government's national security practices. The Program pursues a number of initiatives to hold government officials accountable for abuses in the "war on terror" and force federal agencies to implement the commitments made by President Obama and Attorney General Holder to government transparency. The Archive is an international affairs research institute, a library and archive of declassified U.S. documents, a public interest law firm that works to defend and expand public access to government information through the Freedom of Information Act, and an indexer and

publisher of documents. Founded in 1985 by journalists and historians, the Archive is housed at George Washington University.

6) New York University

Approximately \$100,000 over one year

To support research that will enhance a National Science Foundation-supported comparative study on the effects of counterterrorism policing methods on Muslim communities in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. The grant will also support public education and advocacy on the study's findings and recommendations. The research is being conducted by Professor Tom Tyler of the NYU Psychology Department, Professor Stephen Schulhofer of the NYU School of Law, and Professor Aziz Huq of the University of Chicago Law School.

7) Physicians for Human Rights

\$200,000 over two years

To support the Physicians for Human Rights Campaign for Justice Project, which will examine the Bush administration's harsh interrogation of detainees suspected of terrorism with the goals of seeking redress for torture survivors and repairing the damage resulting from the participation of health care professionals – particularly psychologists – in national security interrogations. The project will also expose the United States' failure to investigate the massacre of several thousand Taliban fighters in Dasht-e-Leili, Afghanistan in November 2002. Founded in 1986, Physicians for Human Rights mobilizes health professionals to promote the right to health and end discrimination in the provision of health services; protect the rights of people in custody; and protect human rights during armed conflict.

8) Rights Working Group

\$200,000 over one year

To support the formal launch of the Rights Working Group's Stop Racial Profiling Campaign, a collaborative campaign to end racial profiling that unites the traditional civil rights organizations that have been leading the fight against racial profiling for decades with more recently formed immigrants' rights organizations and Muslim, Arab, and South Asian organizations. Rights Working Group, founded in 2004, is a D.C.-based coalition of more than 250 civil liberties, national security, immigrants' rights, and human rights member organizations from across the nation. The NSHR Campaign supported the first phase of the Stop Racial Profiling Campaign with a planning grant earlier this year.

III. CO-FUNDED GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOCKET III

1) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Foundation for Criminal Justice, Fiscal Sponsor)

Approximately \$250,000 over one year (\$175,000 from the NSHR Campaign, and \$75,000 from the Criminal Justice Fund.

To provide general support to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), a D.C.-based organization that works to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime, foster integrity and independence of the criminal defense profession, and promote fair administration of justice. NACDL has been at the forefront of reforms to improve public defense, enact sentencing reforms, address racial and ethnic disparities, and oppose over-criminalization and the evisceration of constitutional protections for criminal defendants. Over the past year, NACDL has challenged the arbitrary and prolonged detention of terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay and has sought procedural protections for these detainees.

2) National Religious Campaign Against Torture

\$30,000 over four months (\$20,000 from the NSHR Campaign, and \$10,000 from the Criminal Justice Fund)

To provide the National Religious Campaign Against Torture with a grant to research and plan for the possible expansion of its work in two new areas in 2010 and 2011: (1) encouraging the U.S. government to use its influence to end torture by other nations; and (2) working for an end of torture in U.S. prisons with a focus on Supermax prisons. Since its founding in 2006, this D.C.-based organization has provided a platform for religious groups and people of faith to speak out against America's use of torture in the context of the "war on terror."