

## MEMORANDUM

To: Aryeh Neier  
From: Ann Beeson, Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon  
Date: September 15, 2009  
Subject: National Security and Human Rights Campaign's Grant  
Recommendations for Docket III of 2009

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The National Security and Human Rights Campaign recommends seven grants on its third docket of 2009, in addition to one grant that is being presented by the Criminal Justice Fund and one that is being presented by the Democracy and Power Fund.

In support of its goal of ensuring that the Guantanamo Bay detention center is shut down by January 2010 and that its detainees are either tried in criminal courts or released, the NSHR Campaign proposes grants to **Human Rights Watch** to support its Closing Guantanamo Responsibly Project, and the **Constitution Project** to support its Closing Guantanamo Validators Campaign and Rule of Law Program. Both organizations are working with NSHR Campaign grantees Human Rights First and the Center for International Policy on a set of coordinated campaigns to oppose the imposition of a regime of preventive detention and a substandard military commission system. We understand that the grant to Human Rights Watch would be an exception to the general prohibition against project support to organizations receiving sizable general support grants from the President's office. We will be sending you additional information about this grant shortly and welcome your feedback at the docket meeting.

To promote its goal of accountability for the torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of detainees, the NSHR Campaign recommends grants to the **International Center for Transitional Justice** to support its U.S. Accountability Project, and to **Physicians for Human Rights** to support its Campaign for Justice. Also, with the Criminal Justice Fund, the Campaign recommends a planning grant to the **National Religious Campaign Against Torture** to support the organization in exploring the possibility of expanding its mission to cover two new areas of work – strengthening the role of the U.S. in ending torture by other nations, and ending torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment in U.S. prisons.

To advance the NSHR Campaign's priority of combating racial and religious profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian communities and individuals in the name of national security, the Campaign is recommending a grant to **New York University** to support an empirical research study on the positive effects of procedural fairness on community trust in counterterrorism policing of Muslim communities in London and New York, and to support the dissemination of the researchers' findings and recommendations in policy circles. In addition, the NSHR Campaign, the Equality and Opportunity Fund, and the Criminal Justice Fund jointly recommend a grant to the **Tides Foundation** to support the **Rights Working Group's** Campaign to Stop Racial Profiling. Earlier this year, the NSHR Campaign provided a planning grant for the campaign, which

will educate policymakers, the media, and the public on the importance of ending racial, ethnic, and religious profiling by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and mobilize affected communities and their allies to push for policy reforms.

The NSHR Campaign also recommends two grants that are being presented by other funds. The Campaign recommends a general support grant to the **Foundation for Criminal Justice** that is being presented by the Criminal Justice Fund. The Foundation and its sister organization, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, address threats to civil liberties posed by detention policies, including the detention of terrorism suspects in the “war on terror.” The Campaign also recommends a project support grant to the **Center for American Progress** that is being presented by the Democracy and Power Fund. This grant will support the Center’s U.S.-E.U. Dialogue on Counterterrorism and Human Rights Initiative, and will advance the Campaign’s priority of developing progressive counterterrorism policies that protect national security while respecting human rights.

The total grant amount for the seven grants on the National Security and Human Rights Campaign’s third docket of 2009 is \$1,230,000. Our grant write ups and financial summary are attached.