

MEMORANDUM

To: US Programs Staff
From: National Security and Human Rights Campaign Staff – Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon
Date: October 4, 2010
Re: NSHR Campaign Grant Recommendations

This memo describes nine grant recommendations that the NSHR Campaign plans to present on the November 12, 2010 docket. These recommendations total approximately \$1,825,000, of which \$250,000 will be paid with JEHT Emergency Funds.

NSHR CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 18, 2010 DOCKET GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

1/ American Library Association

\$200,000 over two years for a renewal grant for project support

To renew support to the American Library Association (ALA) Office of Intellectual Freedom's Choose Privacy Week Campaign, a campaign to provide educational and advocacy resources and engage local and school librarians and their library users in communities across the U.S. to promote: librarian protection of reader privacy, informed choices about privacy by library users, and engagement in public education and policy reform. The Office launched its first annual Choose Privacy Week in May 2010, and plans to deepen and expand its curriculum on surveillance and personal privacy, explore how to better tailor this programming to youth, and work with colleagues in targeted locations – Queens, Miami, and potentially Louisville – to explore how to better engage immigrant community library users on these issues. Founded in 1876, ALA has over 64,000 members, comprised of individuals, libraries, and other organizations interested in library service. (This will likely be the NSHR's Campaign's final grant in support of this project.)

2/ American Society of International Law

\$175,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant (\$100,000 of this from the JEHT Emergency Fund)

To provide continued support to the American Society of International Law's Mainstreaming International Law in Judicial Training Education Project; to support a series of national security law forums that will bring together policy makers and human rights experts; and to support civics education on human rights. Based in Washington, D.C., ASIL is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to advancing the study and use of international law. Founded in 1906, its 4,000 members include the field's leading scholars, practitioners, advocates, and jurists. ASIL publishes the *American Journal of International Law* and compiles *International Legal Materials*, an authoritative collection of primary source international law documents. The organization annually convenes the world's largest gathering of scholars, practitioners, and students to address contemporary issues in international law.

3/ Electronic Frontier Foundation

\$400,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant (\$320,000 from the NSHR Campaign and \$80,000 from the Transparency and Integrity Fund)

To renew support for two the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) projects: (1) the Civil Liberties Project's privacy and surveillance litigation and advocacy, which focuses on First and Fourth Amendment rights in the areas of national security surveillance, law enforcement surveillance, and electronic surveillance, and (2) the Freedom of Information Act Litigation for Accountable Government Project, which engages in open government requests and litigation to increase government transparency and disseminates newsworthy information. Founded in 1990 and based in San Francisco, EFF engages in litigation, public education, and advocacy to protect the public's digital rights.

4/ Government Accountability Project

Approximately \$100,000 over 14 months for a renewal project support grant

To renew support for the Government Accountability Project (GAP) Homeland Security Program as it advocates on behalf of national security whistleblowers and pursues policy reforms in the areas of illegal surveillance, excessive government secrecy, and politically based discrimination. Founded in 1977 and based in Washington, D.C., GAP seeks to ensure government and corporate accountability by advancing occupational free speech, litigating whistleblower cases, publicizing whistleblower concerns, and developing policy, legal, and legislative reforms to protect whistleblowers. This will likely be the NSHR Campaign's final project support to GAP. (NSHR plans to co-fund with the Transparency and Integrity Fund a general support grant to the organization in 2012, at which time TIF's current general support grant will be up for renewal.)

5/ National Whistleblower Center

\$200,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant

To renew support for the Protecting National Security Whistleblowers Campaign as it promotes human rights and civil liberties through: the representation of national security whistleblowers, efforts to secure agency permission for whistleblowers to alert the public to the abuses they have witnessed, and defense of national security employees' right to make lawful disclosures to members of Congress. The Center is a recognized expert in whistleblower protection law and – along with the Government Accountability Project, Project on Government Oversight, and ACLU – has been playing a lead role in efforts to secure protections for national security whistleblowers. Founded in 1998 and based in Washington, D.C., the Center engages in litigation and advocacy to protect the rights of whistleblowers to expose government and corporate misconduct and promote transparency and accountability without fear of retaliation.

6/ New York University Center for Human Rights and Global Justice

\$100,000 over one year for a renewal project support grant (\$50,000 of this from the JEHT Emergency Fund)

To renew support to the New York University School of Law's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ). The grant will support the Gender, National Security, and Counter-Terrorism Project, which identifies the gendered impacts of U.S. counter-terrorism measures in the United States and abroad and ensures that such measures promote, rather than hinder, gender equality. The Project has been forging new partnerships between domestic and international national security and counter-terrorism experts, women's rights advocates, and LGBTI stakeholders, and it aims to transform its research findings into practical policy recommendations and engage with a broad network of partners and institutions to turn its proposals into action. Established in 2002, the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice generates substantive, cutting-edge and sophisticated contributions to human rights research and legal scholarship while it actively engages ongoing policy debates relating to human rights.

7/ PEN American Center

\$250,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant

To renew support for the PEN American Center's Campaign for Core Freedoms as it challenges post-9/11 threats to human rights with a focus on the areas of: promoting and defending basic rights for terrorism suspects, including an end to torture and arbitrary detention, closing Guantanamo, securing due process, and seeking accountability for past torture and abuse; challenging national security surveillance and protecting personal privacy; and taking a public stand against anti-Muslim bigotry. Founded in 1992 and based in New York City, PEN operates programs that promote the free expression of information and the free flow of ideas, and has a membership of over 3,000 poets, playwrights, essayists, novelists, and translators, which have included W.H. Auden, James Baldwin, Willa Cather, Robert Frost, Allen Ginsberg, Langston Hughes, Thomas Mann, Arthur Miller, Marianne Moore, Eugene O'Neill, Susan Sontag, and John Steinbeck. The organization launched its Core Freedoms Campaign in 2004.

8/ Tides Foundation / Rights Working Group

\$350,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant (\$200,000 from the NSHR Campaign, \$100,000 from the Criminal Justice Fund, and \$50,000 from the Equality and Opportunity Fund)

To renew support for the Rights Working Group's campaign, Racial Profiling: Face the Truth, 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 Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian organizations. Founded in 2004, the Rights Working Group 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.

9/ Tides Foundation / September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

\$200,000 over two years for a renewal project support grant

To renew support for September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows' 9/11 Voices for Restoring Rule of Law Campaign. The Campaign will mobilize Peaceful Tomorrows' membership and strengthen its collaborations with other 9/11 family organizations and civil liberties and human rights organizations to amplify the voices of 9/11 family members who support the rule of law, due process rights for terrorism suspects, and religious tolerance and the building of an Islamic Cultural Center in Lower Manhattan. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Peaceful Tomorrows will coordinate a media campaign to promote national resiliency. Peaceful Tomorrows was launched in 2002 when a group of family members of those killed on 9/11 connected with one another after reading each other's pleas for nonviolent and reasoned responses to the terrorist attacks. Its membership has grown to 200 family members living in 31 states and seven foreign countries, and 4,000 non-family member supporters. Peaceful Tomorrows operates on a modest budget and is led by a Steering Committee composed of spouses, siblings, and parents of 9/11 victims who volunteer their time. The organization has only one paid staff member, its Project Coordinator, and receives assistance from consultants.