

To: U.S. Programs Staff
From: NSHR Campaign Staff
Date: September 10, 2012
Re: NSHR Campaign Grant Recommendations for Docket IV

The NSHR Campaign plans to recommend four renewal grants, which total \$1,350,000.

Electronic Frontier Foundation (*moved from docket III to IV*)

Up to \$500,000 over two years (renewal; project support)

A grant to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) will renew support for the Civil Liberties Project's litigation and advocacy to defend digital privacy by challenging warrantless wiretapping and placing restraints on electronic surveillance of digital communications by law enforcement. Renewed funding will also support the Freedom of Information Act Litigation for Accountable Government Project, which promotes government transparency through litigation and advocacy. The Project exposes the government's collection and use of information about Americans, the increase in technical cooperation between government and the private sector, and the government's development and use of new information technologies. Approximately \$100,000 from this grant may be set aside for collective resources to benefit a campaign for digital privacy that was launched earlier this year by EFF, the Center for Democracy and Technology and others to take advantage of new opportunities to reform electronic communications privacy law. Founded in 1990 and based in San Francisco, EFF is dedicated to protecting privacy rights in the digital age.

National Religious Campaign against Torture

\$450,000 over two years (renewal; project support)

This grant will renew project support for the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) and its sub-grantee, the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good (NEP), as they work to end torture and anti-Muslim bigotry. Both organizations will continue to educate and engage faith-based communities in their efforts to permanently end the torture and indefinite detention of terrorist suspects in the U.S., to demand accountability for these practices, and to stand in solidarity with American Muslims. Founded in 2006 and based in Washington, D.C., NRCAT now counts more than 300 national and regional religious organizations and individuals as members, including representatives from the Roman Catholic, Evangelical Christian, Protestant, Unitarian Universalist, Quaker, Orthodox Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha'i, and Sikh communities. The newly formed New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good merged with Evangelicals for Human Rights, which had been a NRCAT project until December 2009, in order to combine their forces for greater impact.

New America Foundation

\$250,000 over one year (renewal; project support)

This grant will renew support for The New America Foundation's Rights Based Counterterrorism project, which aims to empower Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian (AMEMSA) communities to promote national security policies that respect civil rights. In March 2012, New America hired a fellow from the Muslim community to work to advance rights-based counterterrorism policies by opening lines of communication and building bridges between American Muslim thought leaders and government officials. During the grant term, the fellow will facilitate dialogue between AMEMSA community

members and national security experts in government. New America staff and the fellow will continue to conduct research and publish papers on pressing national security questions and work to broaden the public discourse on terrorism, which currently maintains a disproportionate focus on Muslims. The project will continue to evolve as it pursues the most effective ways to develop innovative approaches to domestic counterterrorism that reject intrusive surveillance, ethnic and religious profiling, and the wholesale monitoring of AMEMSA communities.

Rabbis for Human Rights-North America

\$150,000 over two years (renewal; project support)

A grant to Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR-NA) will renew support for the project Honor the Image of God: A Return to Jewish and American Values on National Security. The project will mobilize North American rabbis, RHR-NA's primary constituency, to educate their communities, participate in national interfaith efforts, and engage in human rights advocacy on three issues: seeking accountability for U.S.-sponsored torture of detainees; ending the indefinite detention of terrorism suspects without charge; and combating anti-Muslim bigotry. Founded in 2002, RHR-NA is an organization of rabbis from all of the movements of Judaism who are dedicated to conducting education and advocacy on human rights issues in North America.