

## Other U.S. Programs Grants

**July 24, 2009**

We are recommending one out-of-docket grant from the Criminal Justice Fund to support Harvard University (Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at the Kennedy School of Government), a \$150,000 project grant over nine months, to support Christopher Stone, Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Professor of the Practice of Criminal Justice, in assuming the role of chair of New York State Governor Paterson's Task Force on Police-on-Police Shootings. The Task Force will look beyond fatal shootings, attempting to gather data from police departments across the country regarding police-on-police shootings that resulted in injury, but not death, and will seek to make a lasting contribution to the wider issues that give rise to questionable police shootings more generally.

We are recommending two grants through the Seize the Day Fund. The recommendations total \$250,000, of which \$150,000 would come directly from the Seize the Day Fund and \$100,000 from co-funding with other U.S. Programs funds. Attached you will find a grant recommendation for **Good Jobs First** that would be co-funded through the Seize the Day Initiative, Transparency and Integrity Fund and Democracy and Power Fund (with \$50,000 being contributed from each). Good Jobs First is leading the States for a Transparent & Accountable Recovery coalition, a network of groups working at the state and local levels to ensure that the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is transparent, accountable, fair and effective. The second grant recommendation, for \$100,000, would be funded solely through the Seize the Day Initiative and support **Harvard University's** Ash Institute's Transparency Policy Project. The Project would carry out a one-year research program to study state-level policies and advocacy efforts related to economic recovery and transparency, to understand what policy approaches and other factors have the greatest impact on equity outcomes of the stimulus efforts.

**September 15, 2009**

Nancy Youman in conjunction with the Democracy and Power Fund recommend renewed support for the Energy Action Coalition (EAC), which serves as the core and coordinator of the youth climate movement in the U.S. EAC was founded and is led by young people, and is made up of more than 50 diverse environmental and social justice organizations from across the U.S. and Canada. U.S. Programs has been supporting EAC since its inception. EAC's success has made it a critical player in the climate movement and it has also become a model for other youth-led organizations, which is why it is of interest to both the global warming desk and D&P. EAC is in the process of spinning off into a free-standing, independent entity. In the interim, a one-year project grant of \$500,000 is recommended to Earth Island Institute, which serves as EAC's fiscal agent.

The docket also includes a write-up recommending a grant to the Tides Foundation to provide renewal support of \$1 million for one year to fund the Connect US funders collaborative. Connect US promotes responsible U.S. global engagement by combining a

program of grantmaking with operational activities to make progress in four foreign policy areas: human rights, nuclear non-proliferation, climate and development, and civilian capacity to conduct foreign policy. With Nancy Soderberg's assumption of the Presidency of Connect US, OSI indicated its intention to continue its support of the Connect US fund for three years starting with the grant recommended here.