

This bulletin highlights the U.S. Programs' ongoing work, including upcoming events and announcements. For additional information, contact the Administrative Coordinator of the Executive Office of U.S. Programs, Michael Sosa: [msosa@sorosny.org](mailto:msosa@sorosny.org)

### USP Events/Reminders/Deadlines



Refer to the US Programs Calendar in OUTLOOK for a listing of Internal Events including trainings and staff meetings.

#### June 19th Docket Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy Fund (DF), and Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF)

- May 18th Submit draft docket write-ups to Program Director for review, feedback, and revision.
- May 31st Submit full docket write-ups to USP ED for review and/or follow-up discussions

#### July 19th Docket Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Transparency Fund (TF), and OTHER (Executive Director and Chairman grants)

- May 31st Submit blurbs of grant recommendations to be considered for docket, to all USP staff



### USP Central Updates

Please refer to our [U.S. Programs Central Community Wiki Page](#) on KARL for updates, program information, and docket schedules for the entire year.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS





The next USP staff meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 15th, from 12:15PM-2PM, in 3AB**. OSF's Chief Information Officer, Mary Cadagin, will inform staff of changes to our information and technology systems. After that, grantees Nahal Zamani (Center for Constitutional Rights), Yul-san Liem (Justice Committee), Udi Ofer (New York Civil Liberties Union) and Joo-Hyun Kang (Communities United for Police Reform) will engage staff in a conversation, moderated by Terrence Pitts, about the Communities United for Police Reform campaign to challenge New York City's stop & frisk practices.

**U.S. Programs Initiatives****Technical Assistance Initiative to Strengthen Field and Grantee Capacity**

All relevant documents related to the initiative have been saved in USP Central and are available to all. <https://karl.soros.org/communities/u.s.-programs-central/wiki/technical-assistance-initiative-to-strengthen-field-grantee-capacity/>

The initiative provided 41 USP grantees with financial planning and management technical assistance support and peer learning opportunities. The initiative enabled these grantees to apply financial understanding and planning to the sustainable management of their organizations. Because of the initiative, leaders of these organizations report having an enhanced capacity to tell their financial story to stakeholders and greater expertise in making decisions that strengthen their operations and missions.

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Go to the  on the bottom left side of your Outlook → Select **Public Folders**  → Select **All Public Folders**  → Select **OSI-New York**  → Scroll down and Select **US Programs-**

### Program News

The following are convenings, site visits, and conferences U.S. Programs is participating in or sponsoring. Please remember to submit any of the aforementioned to Michael Sosa ([msosa@sorosny.org](mailto:msosa@sorosny.org)) for inclusion in the USP Bulletin and in the US Programs Calendar.

#### Criminal Justice Fund

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| May 1st         | Luisa Taveras will attend the Council on Foundations annual conference in Los Angeles, CA.   |
| May 11th        | Luisa Taveras will attend a follow up strategy meeting to the December 2011 “Securing Our Rights in the Information Sharing Era: A convening on national security, surveillance and immigration enforcement”, sponsored by CJF/EOF/NSHR grantee Rights Working Group, in Washington, DC. |
| May 11th        | Lenny Noisette will attend a meeting with the Office of Public Engagement at the White House in Washington, DC.  |
| May 14th        | Lenny Noisette will attend the US Human Rights Fund Steering Committee meeting in New York City.   |
| May 31-June 1st | The Campaign for a New Drug Policy will host a 2-day convening on health services and drug policy reform in Baltimore, MD.   |

#### Democracy Fund

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| May 3-4th   | Patricia Jerido will travel to Boston, MA for site visits with grantee partners.  |
| May 9-12th  | Bill Vandenberg will attend the Democracy Alliance conference in Coral Gables, FL.  |
| May 14-15th | Nora Ranney will travel to Washington, DC for site visits with grantee partners.  |
| May 16-17th | Patricia Jerido will attend the Tax Fairness Organizing Collaborative conference in Nashville, TN.  |
| May 19-21   | Patricia Jerido will attend the National People’s Action conference in Washington, DC.  |
| May 22-24   | Bill Vandenberg, Patricia Jerido, Nora Ranney and Heddy Nam will attend the Funders’ Committee for Civic Engagement convening in Charlotte, NC. |



**OSI-Baltimore**

- May 16th: 1:30-3:30PM OSI-Baltimore will host Addressing Challenges to Indigent Defense at Bail Hearings, a forum on bail reform, with Paul DeWolfe, Maryland's Public Defender, and Norman Reimer, executive director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.
- May 17th: 9AM-1PM OSI-Baltimore Community Fellows gathering
- May 22nd: 7-9PM As part of its *Talking About Race* series, OSI-Baltimore will host a screening and discussion of **Slavery by Another Name** at the MICA's Brown Center, 1301 W Mt. Royal Avenue Baltimore, MD.

**Transparency Fund**

- May 1st Laleh Ispahani, Tom Hilbink, and Muzna Ansari will attend a Brandeis Briefing at NYU Law School.
- May 3-4th Laleh Ispahani and Lori McGlinchey will attend the Information Program Meeting in Boston, MA.
- May 7th Tom Hilbink will attend a White House Briefing on Judicial Nominations in Washington, DC.
- May 13-17th Tom Hilbink will attend the National Institute on Money in State Politics (NIMSP)'s annual conference in Montana.
- May 22-24th Laleh Ispahani and Muzna Ansari will attend the FCCP summer meeting in North Carolina.
- May 23-24th Lori McGlinchey will attend the Internet at Liberty conference in Washington, DC.