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MINUTES
GRANT COMMITTEE
1/20/98

Present: Robin Carton, June Lee, Penn Loh, Kay Mathew, and Marc Miller

1. Grants Removed From Consideration for February 1, 1998 Board Meeting

Reconsideration Request

1. Victory Gardens $1000
RFD 1, Box 6025, Athens, ME 04979 Carol Dove
Funding for general support for group that seeks to educate and promote radical social change through food production.
Reason: Turned down at last Board meeting. Requested reconsideration. Run a farm and ship food to different political causes/movements. They have difficulty articulating their political perspectives. They are not fighting to redefine food production- no real connection to social change organizing. Believe they are doing self-empowerment, but this is not clear. May be trying to serve as a model, but not realistic at this point in time (no electricity, no telephone, etc.). No reasons given in request sufficient to change original vote.

2. East Bay Food Not Bombs $920
353 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610 Charles Gary 510/444-7854
Funding to replace cooking equipment used at base camps established for direct action in defense of Ward Valley, Big Mountain and the Nevada Test site.
Reason: Turned down just a few meetings ago as direct service without organizing. Don’t make a case for not being a direct service group. Perfunctory answers to questions. Some chapters of Food Not Bombs see themselves as integral to the process of social change. No long term vision of social change articulated here. Suggest could come back if broaden their vision with a specific project.

3. The Filled Cup $2000
629 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 David McVeigh-Schultz 215/228-9014
Funding to support an organizing project that seeks to hold banks accountable for their local lending practices.
Reason: Doesn’t fit Resist priorities. Mostly working with credit unions. No real community involvement. Ask them why they shifted from community organizing to an alliance among banks. Unclear where their organizing is within local communities. Suggest they can come back if they can make an argument that organizing outside of the banking world is going on.
4. **Four Corners Productions** $2,000  
580 Broadway, #906, New York, NY 10012  
Herman Engel  212-941-6311  
Funding for independent film producer to purchase a high quality digital film camera to continue making documentary films.  
Reason: Turned down recently. Not a group. Is an independent filmmaker.

5. **Sisters Offering Support** $1000  
P.O. Box 75642, Honolulu, HI 96836  
Kelly Hill  808/521-3453  
Funding to set up a web site aimed at preventing youth from being recruited into prostitution and to organize against the sexual exploitation of children.  
Reason: Don’t talk about reasons people end up involved in prostitution. Not a new concept. Fundable as a mainstream direct service project.

2. **Proposed New Grant Discussion**

   Marc suggested that Committee remind the Board that there is no way to truly predict the affect on the bottom line if Resist were to institute the proposed grant for groups between $100,000 - 200,000 budgets with discrete projects under $50,000. As a result, as with all grants, the Board has to look to the merit of the proposal. This new proposal is still within the spirit of the current Resist grants- it just defines those grants in another way.

   Penn seconded the idea of opening Resist grants up to larger organizations.

   June thought that the kind of work these groups were doing (start up of new projects, sponsorship of on-going work) was the kind of organizing Resist wants to see. Small groups don’t always have the time or the resources to start up new ideas. This often keeps them single focused.

   Kay offered to take a first crack at drafting guidelines for this proposal. She will try to have something in writing for the next meeting. Marc offered to edit the draft.

3. **Topics for Future Discussion**

   - Analysis of the grant process and look at changes  
   - Organizer fellowships  
   - Give larger grants ($5,000?) one time per year  
   - Re-examine Resist grant priorities  
   - Look at start up funding for groups

4. **Next Meeting**

   **Monday, February 23, 1998, at 12:15** in the Parent’s United Conference Room, 30 Winter Street, 7th Floor

   **Agenda**

   - Review Draft Guidelines  
   - Continue discussion of long term vision  
   - Weed out grants for March meeting
Staff Mtg 1/13/97

Audit
Board Meeting
Advertisement
Newsletters
Camp Time
3rd Staff Meeting
Pt/Staff Lunch
Pt/T Help → Cathy Keegan

Audit

Need to finish inventory/cots
C3 BEE breakdown → Call Ellie
C3 NL Breakdown → ER vs programming
RC Tables, Aces, Receivables, T-Shirt inventory
RC Two Sheets

B3 Mtg
Pancake City Manning
Mitch Goodman Book → add to agenda
Dana Article
Unambitious 1997 figures/Charts
Take sample T-shirt

ML
Go through photos/captions
Call Max for brief into article
April → Leal for Boston issue
Ad for T-Shirt
Camp Time
Robin needs to do tennis
Call Lynn Wiley to see if available

3rd Staff Person
Retreat minutes sent to Personnel Office
Part of discussion of when Rest wants to be in 5-10 years. Needs to be in that context.

Financial Management
- taxes, bookkeeping, audit

Planned Program
- Major Donor Week
  Data Base

Pledge Program
- Major Donor Week
  Technical Assistant

3rd Staff Lunch
Who wants to come?
Ask at Board meeting volunteer.
Is it something that needs to happen?

P/T Help
Robin will call Cathy Keegan; Lynn Wiley.