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In a year when the mainstream media strove hard to make us despair about events both at home and internationally, RESIST donors continued to stand firm. With their support, we distributed a little over $300,000 in grants in 2001. This is a record, up from $249,000 in 2000, which was the second-largest grant-making year in our three decades.

Not only did RESIST award 20 percent more in grants than the year before, but our other major benefit to progressives, continued to inspire and educate activists. In its analysis of the bleak state of the US media, The Nation recognized the RESIST Newsletter among the media sources progressives treasure for reliable ideas and information amid the growing blandness, triviality, and monopolization of TV, radio, magazines, and newspapers.

Running the Numbers

In all, RESIST distributed 136 grants in 2001, nearly the same number as the previous year (135). In other words, the grant awards were larger, averaging about $2,200. This increase reflects two recent changes in RESIST policies.

First, given inflation and the Board’s judgement of how much money would make a significant difference to the small, grassroots organizations we support—and at the urging of our grantees—we raised the maximum grant amount to $3,000.

For a number of all-volunteer organizations, this represents a large percentage of the annual budget. For smaller groups, like the Flinthills Living Wage Coalition in Manhattan, Kansas, a grant from RESIST represented more than 10% of their income.

In a second change, RESIST raised the budget size a group can have and still qualify for a grant. Previously the mark targeted groups with budgets of about $100,000 or less. That figure had not been raised for several years, so the Board boosted it to $125,000—still low enough to indicate a small organization while enabling groups with a staff member or two to apply as well.

For all the organizations we support—including those with annual budgets closer to $125,000—RESIST grants often makes it possible to respond to a crisis or to leverage our seed money to initiate a new, innovative program. RESIST can be the vote of confidence that opens up other, perhaps larger sources of funding.

Special Grants

RESIST issued one grant from the Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund, which “is dedicated to the purpose of supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings … (giving) a high priority to the efforts of Native American peoples to resist cultural as well as actual genocide.” RESIST awarded a Salzman grant to Latinos Unidos Siempre, an organization that works towards educational, cultural, and social development for Latino youth in Salem, Oregon. Youth take on proactive leadership roles in the community to uproot racist stereotypes and discrimination while advocating for social change.

RESIST also awarded a Mike Riegel Tribute grant to Comité Exijimos Justicia. This continued on page two
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Grant is given in memory of the life and work of Boston activist Mike Riegel, a supporter of prisoners' rights, gay and lesbian liberation, and the radical movement for justice. Comite Exijimos Justicia works to oppose a pattern of police misconduct and brutality in Chicago.

RESIST continues its third year of giving a limited number of multi-year awards to organizations with a history of RESIST funding, an especially valuable set of programs, and a strong organizing track record. One application, plus brief annual updates, can lead to three years of funding at the maximum level. This funding can account for up to 25 percent of the total RESIST awards in any year.

In 2001, RESIST awarded or renewed 17 multi-year grants, for a total of $51,000. For example, Montanans Concerned with Disability renewed their funding, as did the Association for Union Democracy-Women's Project in New York City.

RESIST also awarded seven emergency grants, primarily to organizations responding to the attacks of September 11. RESIST's emergency grants program allows grassroots groups to gain quick access to the resources necessary to pull off a demonstration or teach-in on very short notice.

Unfortunately, in 2001 RESIST did not award any Accessibility Grants. These are designed to make organizing campaigns or political events accessible to people with disabilities and might cover costs for sign language interpreters or accessible space. With more aggressive outreach we hope to reinvigorate that program in 2002.

Who RESIST Funded

RESIST divides its applications and grantees into 10 broad, issue-oriented categories. Grant decisions are made regardless of this somewhat arbitrary division. While the work grantees do might easily fit into more than one category—and RESIST encourages cross-issue organizing—sorting groups can help us track our work and report it to you. (See box on page eight.)

In 2001, RESIST awarded the most money to groups focused on environmental issues ($41,300 to 17 organizations). For example, the Kandid Coalition in Rochester, New York organizes residents to force Kodak—the region's leading polluter—to clean up its toxic dumping. RESIST also funded Missouri Resistance Against Genetic Engineering to insist that Monsanto label its genetically altered products and discontinue producing the "Terminator" seed.

On the other hand, we made ever-so-slightly more awards to groups focused on prison issues, and on peace/anti-militarism (18 organizations each). For example, the Western Prison Project in Portland, Oregon used RESIST's grant to help foster progressive reform in the criminal justice system in the Northwest. In the wake of the September 11 attacks, RESIST provided emergency grants to seven groups in states as diverse as Tennessee, Minnesota, New Mexico and Utah.

Other issues of central concern to our grantees were community organizing/anti-racism (15 grants, $33,700 in awards), women (13 grants, $32,900 in awards), youth (11 grants, $26,300 in awards), labor (10 grants, $24,000 in awards), and economic justice (10 grants, $23,700 in awards).

Of course, these divisions into categories are deceptive and in a fundamental way counter to RESIST's philosophy. In fact, RESIST only funds groups that see connections across all these issues and take a broad view of organizing for social change. The most common reason we turn down an applicant is when the organization doesn't meet that standard.

Where RESIST Funded

As in prior years, RESIST has supported progressive organizing throughout the nation, with awards to 35 states. The largest number of awards went to the largest state, California (13). Next in line was our home state of Massachusetts (11) tied with Oregon (11), followed by New York (10).

RESIST funded groups from rural areas as well as big cities. The Maine Rural Network hails from Standish, Maine, where the group faces organizing challenges significantly different from those encountered by the Coalition for the Human Rights of Immigrants in New York City. Whether the group is from Wolf Creek, Oregon (Jefferson Center for Education and Research) or Chicago, Illinois (PINTIG Cultural Group), grants provided by RESIST made a significant difference in their ability to organize.

However, RESIST made no awards in 15 states, from which we received significantly fewer applications. In other words, RESIST supporters can help: please suggest groups for funding in these states and encourage organizations there which meet RESIST's guidelines to contact us. The 15 states receiving no funding in 2001 were: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

Organizational Happenings

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guists, Ken openly joined the resistance in 1967, when as part of a national draft-card turn-in, he handed in his selective service registration at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. At roughly the same time, Ken became a member of Resist, remaining active until illness forced him to curtail his work on the Board. Nevertheless, he continued to comment, when asked, on grant proposals and on issues into which he had special insight.

In honor of Ken’s persistent activism protecting the rights of poor and suffering people throughout the world, RESIST will institute the Ken Hale Tribute Grant beginning in 2002. This award will be given to support organizations which ensure that the voices of those most affected are given primacy in the struggle to protect and expand civil, cultural and political rights, particularly for indigenous peoples.

Abby Scher joined the Board in 2001. Abby, a former editor at Dollars & Sense, currently works at the Independent Press Association in New York. She brings with her grant-making experience from the A.J. Muste Foundation, economic analysis and media savvy.

RESIST also experienced some staff transitions. Jacquie Bishop left to pursue other work focused on AIDS activism in communities of color, and Amanda Matos-Gonzalez left to attend college full-time. RESIST hired Becca Howes-Mischel on an interim basis to help with the grants program and office management while the Board engages in a long-term planning process.

The Future
In one significant way, RESIST’s grantmaking for 2001 actually marks two periods: before and after September 11. Two of RESIST’s six grant-making cycles came after September; for these two cycles, we awarded 13 of our 18 grants ($23,100) for the year for efforts focused on peace and anti-militarism.

We expect the impact of September 11 and its aftermath will be felt even more strongly in the coming year as grassroots organizations respond to local, national, and international changes to social, political, and economic circumstances. And it’s noteworthy that RESIST’s income in December, always a good income month for nonprofits, hit a record. Clearly, RESIST’s thousands of donors recognize the need, and we will respond.

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Authority Challenges From Election Conflict to Enron Scandal

Abby Scher

The year 2001 cast a deep shadow through which US activists still struggle to find some light. We began the year with a gang of Republicans wresting the presidential election from an ineffectual Gore. We ended it with Attorney General Ashcroft extending the reach of the country’s secret police and with his boss breaking a defense-related union on “national security grounds”. On the activist front, in April thousands of Americans joined their Canadian brethren in Quebec for a heady challenge to the Summit of the Americas and a trade agreement that would link the continents. “Another World Is Possible” read signs held by Canadian Auto Workers and their green allies. In November, that challenge seemed a lifetime away as Congress—in a patriotic, pro-Presidential frenzy—passed “fast track” by one vote, giving Bush greater power to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (that is, if the Senate goes along this year).

In the summer, amnesty for undocumented immigrants didn’t seem impossible, as Mexican President Vicente Fox won space for the issue on the front pages of US dailies: by fall, roundups and detentions swept away that hope along with untold other dreams silenced by September 11th.

Enron Shows Illegitimate Power
And then there is Enron. In November, Enron penetrated through the fog of war to remind us to keep an eye on who really runs things, who really has the power so
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grassroots challenge and alternative to the financial deregulation and corporate thievery that Enron exposed. There is a major disconnect between our analysis of Enron and the system it is part of, and our ability to explain in everyday language what went wrong in Enron's version of capitalism so that we may create a broad politics that can change it.

So what opportunities greet the left? Where, swirling in the seismic shifts and robust imperialism of 2001, are the tactics that can re-invigorate a progressive movement? Some might say starting small or even starting over. Many are trying to open themselves to the future while leaving our poor old slogans behind. We feel the urgent need to talk beyond the shrinking number of the converted, but our muttered critiques of Enron and corporate capitalism aren't leading us anywhere yet. Similarly, initial anti-war demonstrations in the fall did not reveal that the left was capable of engaging in much effective conversation. Signs dusted off from the Persian Gulf days (No Blood for Oil) waved in the breeze as largely white "crowds" spoke to themselves. Welfare time limits kicked in at the end of December, but the chorus of advocates and activists ineffectually sought ways to be heard in opposition, a task made harder by rivalries dividing the movement.

September 11—Activism Before and After

There is a before and after September 11th, if not with major trends at least when it comes to organizing. Before September 11th, those arguing for nonviolence felt "uncool" in planning meetings for large protests. Now their positions carry more weight, if only for tactical reasons. Before September 11th, mass protests seemed the way to do politics. Afterward, at least here...
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Sisters in Action for Power, composed mostly of middle and high school girls, challenged the Department of Transportation to provide public transportation access. And they won! Photo courtesy of Sister in Action for Power

In Memory Of
Bernice Augenbrown
Mitchell Goodman
Suzy Gordon
Milton Gross
Ken Hale
John Hammar
Jacqueline Holmes
Leslie D’Cora Holmes
Miriam Borgenicht Klein
Samuel S. Levine
Jody Norton
Mike Riegel
Freda Friedman Salzman
Martha Schecter
Ellie Schnitzer
Fredrick Webster
Alicia Wiley

In Honor Of
Ira Gollobin
Charley Junkerman
Fred Pincus
Deborah Sarvis McNeil
Daria Sanford & Nils Mellquest
William Singer & Andy Pawlan
Helen Spiegel
Jerry and Hazel Tobis
Karen Wheeler
James Whitters
Steve & Jeanne Wishengrad
David and Jessie Woolley
Jonah Zern

Each year, many RESIST supporters honor their friends, colleagues, family and mentors by making a contribution in their name. As is our custom, Resist acknowledges those individuals so honored in the lists below. RESIST celebrates the spirit and convictions of these individuals, along with many others who remain unnamed but have affected us—personally and as a movement—by their tenacity, humor, love and passion.

Creating Justice Within
One sobering political milestone for organizers dating to June 2001 got little attention even from the independent press: the “Best Practices” survey of the working conditions of paid organizers conducted by the National Organizer’s Alliance, a membership and advocacy group. How can the social justice movement build a future if it runs through its own staff like water? asked NOA director Kim Fellner in releasing the report last summer. Need organizers work 70-hour weeks for low pay? What does that mean for those with families? NOA challenged the organizations doing social change work to prefigure the world they want to create in their own practices. This essentially utopian vision floats in and out of focus, in history and in our lives. It seems small, and yet if we take it to heart, it may lead us toward a better future that at this moment does not feel particularly bright.

In 2001, we once again saw states and militaries mobilized when corporations were threatened. We saw government bureaucracies, courts and police try to destroy hope and generate the fear that will silence us. Bush’s enormous approval ratings and the broad public support for his violations of civil liberties pose an enormous challenge to activists opposed to his pay-the-rich and pave-the-forest mentality.

Those fighting for democracy and economic justice, however, need look no further than South Carolina for inspiration to continue. It was there that a small insurgent group within the International Longshoreman’s Association not only challenged their own union but the state and even the entire AFL-CIO. Their victory was to win the freedom of the largely African American leaders unlawfully under house arrest in Charleston, as well as a new contract with a union-busting company. If those few democratic unionists could win the massive support of the AFL-CIO for their campaign and force a racist attorney general and multinational shipper into submission, we can spark an even brighter fire to light the shadows cast by the events of last year.

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### 2001 RESIST Grantees by Category

**Africa/Asia/International**

- **Burma Project (San Francisco, CA)** $950 for a grassroots campaign to pressure the US-based oil company UNOCAL to leave Burma since it provides one of the largest revenue sources to the brutal military regime.
- **Philippine Forum (New York, NY)** $2,600 for a newsletter on anti-militarism and environmental justice in the Philippines and around the world.
- **Indonesia Human Rights Network (Washington, DC)** $800 for a media project focused on human rights abuses in Indonesia and the effect of US support for the current regime.
- **PINTIG Cultural Group (Chicago, IL)** $3,000 for a participatory theater process designed to raise awareness about immigration-related issues and their impact on the Filipino-American community.
- **Philippine Forum (New York, NY)** $2,600 for operating costs of Youth Initiative for Social Action Activists' Summer Camp, which seeks to raise the social, political and cultural consciousness of Filipino and Filipino-American youth.

**Central and Latin America and the Caribbean**

- **Action for Community and Ecology in the Regions of Central America (Burlington, VT)** $2,600 for solidarity organizing against the “War on Terrorism” and to hold a community teach-in about connections between Central American issues and the anti-war/anti-globalization movements.
- **Committee on US/Latin American Relations (CUSRAR) (Ithaca, NY)** $3,000 to examine US military and economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **InterReligious Task Force on Central America (Cleveland, OH)** $2,000 to upgrade computer equipment and to develop a web site in support of advocacy and organizing activities.
- **Peace Action Wisconsin (Milwaukee, WI)** $2,300 for the Colombia Action Project which seeks to link the “drug war” and the need for drug rehabilitation systems in the US.

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**Witness for Peace - Rocky Mountain (Boulder, CO)** $950 to print a newsletter and cover the cost of volunteer training for faith-based organization that promotes non-violent solutions to US foreign policy in Latin America.

**Community Organizing/Anti-Racism**

- **Alliance for Progressive Action (Pittsburgh, PA)** $3,000 for coalition in southwestern Pennsylvania working for social, political and economic justice.
- **Appalachian Peace & Justice Network (Floyd, VA)** $2,000 for a strategic planning process for an organization working for peace and social justice.
- **Boston Mobilization (Boston, MA)** $1,500 for the Campaign for the Iraqi People, and the Youth Organizing and Empowerment Project.
- **Challenging White Supremacy (San Francisco, CA)** $2,000 for workshops which train organizers to work for racial justice and challenge white privilege.
- **Coalition for the Human Rights of Immigrants (New York, NY)** $2,300 for organizing to change US laws and policies that marginalize and demonize immigrant communities, including INS detention center policies.
- **The Freire Center for Popular Education (Minneapolis, MN)** $3,000 to purchase computer equipment for popular education workshops and action research.
- **Human Dignity Coalition (Bend, OR)** $2,300 to publish a quarterly social justice newsletter linking diverse organizing communities and profiling local leaders.
- **Idaho Hispanic Caucus Institute for Research and Education (Boise, Idaho)** $2,100 to develop a statewide coalition of Latino organizations to advocate for social justice for Latinos and people of color in Idaho.
- **Jefferson Center for Education and Research (Wolf Creek, OR)** $2,000 to expand multi-lingual capabilities of a social justice popular education center.
- **Maine Rural Network (Standish, ME)** $3,000 for coalition building and community organizing on social justice issues in rural Maine.
- **Missouri Pro-Vote/Missouri Citizens Education Fund (St. Louis, MO)** $1,500 to build the capacity of local grassroots social justice organizations while also playing a leadership role in labor and health care organizing campaigns.
- **Peace Action Maine (Portland, ME)** $2,000 for a coalition committed to ending racial profiling in Maine.
- **Union de Vecinos (Los Angeles, CA)** $2,000 for program that hires and trains public housing residents to be organizers in their communities.
- **United Action Connecticut (formerly Good Jobs!) (Hartford, CT)** $3,000 to organize the growing immigrant Latino community to oppose plans to reduce affordable housing and to develop key leadership roles in forming local change.
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based coalitions.
Utah Progressive Network (UPNet) (Salt Lake City, UT) $2,000 to cosponsor events with Raz-PAC, a Latino political organizing group, to build leadership in the Salt Lake City Latino community.

Economic Justice
Buffalo Activist Network (Buffalo, NY) $2,000 to oppose NAFTA's expansion into Central and South America.
Contact Center (Cincinnati, OH) $3,000 to provide leadership training, skills development and power analysis to low- and moderate-income people.
Flinthills Living Wage Coalition (Manhattan, KS) $3,000 for a staff organizer to develop organizational support in low-income neighborhoods and workplaces with wage inequalities and poor working conditions.
Fuerza Unida (San Antonio, TX) $2,600 for Cooperativa's sewing classes, which include learning the critical political and social history of the city and the links between local and global trends.
Maine Global Action Network (Stockton Springs, ME) $3,000 to hire staff in preparation for protests at the Quebec Free Trade Area of the Americas Summit.
New York State Labor & Environment Network (Albany, NY) $1,500 for a corporate accountability conference.
Oregon Human Rights Coalition (Portland, OR) $1,800 for a community based organization which advocates for the rights of low-income people.
Survivors, Inc. (Mattapan, MA) $3,000 to mobilize welfare rights constituency to work toward more humane social policies.
Vermont Mobilization for Global Justice (Burlington, VT) $3,000 to rent space for a convergence center to support activists in protests against the Free Trade Area of the Americas Summit in Quebec.
Welfare and Low-Income Support Network, Inc. (Santa Cruz, CA) $800 for a welfare rights project which works with low-income families and their allies to fight for more realistic and humane welfare reform.

Environmental
Cascadia Wildlands Project (Eugene, OR) $2,000 for Legacy Forests Campaign, which engages the public on the issues of old-growth logging in the region.
Center for Environmental Equity (Portland, OR) $3,000 to investigate and publicize the effects of abandoned and inactive mineral mines (AIMS) and organize support for new mining laws.
Center for Environmental Politics (Missoula, MT) $3,000 for the Montana Political Accountability Project.
Citizen's Awareness Network (Shelburne Falls, MA) $3,000 for an organization which focuses on nuclear fuel cycle issues ranging from reactor operations to the siting of waste dumps.

Missouri Heartwood (Columbia, MO) $1,500 to protect the Ozark forests from corporate timber industries.
Missouri Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (St. Louis, MO) $2,000 to build a network of community activist groups opposing the use of genetically engineered foods.
Native Forest Network—Eastern North America (Burlington, VT) $3,000 for a project which seeks to end commercial logging on public lands.
Nuclear Watch of New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM) $1,500 for a media outreach campaign in the Southwest on nuclear safety and environmental issues.
Voter's Network Education Fund (Colorado Springs, CO) $1,000 for an educational mailing to supporters of open space preservation in Colorado Springs, and to advocate for local solutions to growing urban sprawl.
West Virginia Citizen Research Group (Charleston, WV) $2,000 to develop a coalition that can respond to environmental threats in West Virginia.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender
Love Makes a Family, Inc. (Portland, OR) $2,000 to organize human rights activists, and members of the GLBT and African-American communities to demand police accountability.
United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming (Cheyenne, WY) $3,000 to empower Wyoming's GLBT communities.

Health/AIDS/Disability
Coalition of Montanans Concerned with Disabilities (Missoula, MT) $3,000 for a group that works together with other progressive organizations to fight for the rights of marginalized peoples.

Labor
Hard Hat News (New York, NY) $3,000 to provide a critical voice for construction workers by exposing racial and gender discrimination in hiring; attack corruption and racketeering; and support democratic unions.
Jobs with Justice - Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA) $1,800 for a coalition of organizations that supports low wage workers and organizes for economic justice.
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Nicaragua Solidarity Committee/Labor Rights Task Force (Chicago, IL) $1,200 for an outreach program to involve students and suburban communities in anti-sweatshop campaigns.

Peace Through Inter-American Community Action (Bangor, ME) $3,000 for a group engaged in anti-sweatshop, labor rights and solidarity organizing.

Southern Anti-Racism Network (Durham, NC) $2,000 for a coalition supporting the rights of workers to organize while opposing racism and homophobia.

Support Team International Textileras (STITCH) (Chicago, IL) $3,000 for a network of US women engaged in cross-border labor organizing and support for women workers in Central America.

UNETE (Medford, OR) $2,000 for Farm Worker Day, an annual outreach event.

Vermont Workers’ Center (Montpelier, VT) $2,000 for an organization which serves as a resource and organizing force for livable wages, workers’ rights and other community activism.

Walk for Farmworker Justice 2001 (Eugene, OR) $3,000 for a week-long walk to protest the human rights violations faced by agricultural workers in Oregon.

Media/Culture

Civic Media Center and Library, Inc. (Gainesville, FL) $2,300 for audio equipment for the Radio Volta Webcast Project.

Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media and Education (Portland, OR) $3,000 to publish the Portland Alliance.

Peace Action New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM) $3,000 to publish ALERT, a semi-monthly newsletter which helps readers engage in direct action.

Spiral Q Puppet Theater (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 for popular education campaigns utilizing street theater to generate public awareness about the growth of the prison industrial complex and the effects of globalization.

Middle East

Colorado Campaign for Middle East Peace (Denver, CO) $3,000 to hire an organizer for a campaign to end US military aggression and the embargo against Iraq and for the formation of a National Organizing Network on Iraq.

Dallas Peace Center (Dallas, TX) $2,000 for Sanctions Strengthen Saddam, opposing the US/UN economic sanctions against the people of Iraq.

Northampton Committee to Lift the Sanctions on Iraq (Northampton, MA) $3,000 to counter misinformation about the effects of sanctions and bombing on the Iraqi people.

Peninsula Peace and Justice Center (Palo Alto, CA) $2,000 to raise public awareness and motivate people to direct action in order to halt the US’s intervener-sionist policies toward Iraq.

US Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu (Tucson, AZ) $2,000 to challenge the proliferation of nuclear weapons within the US and its favored allies, and to secure the release of the man who exposed Israel’s nuclear weapons arsenal.

Native American

Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights (Washington, DC) $3,000 for an organization which seeks to make changes in federal, state and local policies regarding American Indian/Alaskan Native human and cultural rights.
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and an appropriate US response.
Committee Opposed to Militarization and the Draft (San Diego, CA) $2,300 for equipment and printing costs for organization which challenges the institution and influence of the military by educating the public about how various social, economic and political problems are linked to US militarism.

Houston Peace and Justice Center (Houston, TX) $1,000 to increase the effectiveness of progressive groups in the Houston area that promote non-violence, human rights, and social, economic and environmental justice.

Knoxville Area Coalition for Compassion, Justice and Peace (Lake City, TN) $300* to support on-going community forums about non-violent responses to the September 11th attacks and a demonstration against the bombing of Afghanistan.

Massachusetts Women's Congress for Peace (Florence, MA) $300* to hold a Women's Congress in response to US military actions in Afghanistan and to develop an organizing strategy to promote a just and peaceful solution.

Nebraskans for Peace (Lincoln, NE) $2,000 for a grassroots organization working nonviolently for peace with justice.

Nevada Desert Experience (Las Vegas, NV) $1,000 for protests at the Nevada Test Site and to educate the public around the dangers of nuclear weapons and missile defense issues.

The Nuclear Resister (Tucson, AZ) $3,000 for a publication which chronicles anti-nuclear/anti-war arrests and supports imprisoned activists.

Peace Action New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM) $300* to support a meeting to discuss peaceful alternatives to vengeance in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine (Bangor, ME) $2,300 to link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social justice and environmental issues in Eastern Maine.

Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas (Wichita, KS) $1,200 for an organization which links diverse area peace and justice groups.

St. Louis Economic Conversion Project (St. Louis, MO) $2,000 for the International Day of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space.

Utah Progressive Network (UPNet) (Salt Lake City, UT) $300* to support forums designed to respond to the attacks of September 11th, the resulting US military response in Afghanistan and the potential loss of civil liberties in the US.

Veterans for Peace, Chapter #27 (Minneapolis, MN) $2,600 to educate members and others about of peace efforts as they relate to the military.

Witness for Peace - Upper Midwest (Duluth, MN) $1,600 for a start up chapter of an organization working for peace and justice in the Americas.

Prisoners/Criminal Justice

California Prison Moratorium Project (Berkeley, CA) $950 for support of an organizing campaign to halt construction of public and private prisons in the rural Central Valley of California.

Central PA Legislative Initiative to Abolish the Death Penalty (Harrisburg, PA) $1,500 for a billboard-based public awareness campaign opposing the death penalty and supporting the state’s proposed death penalty moratorium.

Coalition for Prisoners’ Rights (Santa Fe, NM) $3,000 to challenge the social and economic injustice inherent in the criminal justice system.

Comité Exijimos Justicia (Chicago, IL) $3,000 to purchase office equipment for organization opposing the pattern of police misconduct and brutality in Chicago. (Mike Riegle Tribute Grant)

Criminal Justice Ministries (Des Moines, IA) $1,000 for the Justice Reform Project to push for restorative rather than punitive justice.

Families to Amend California’s Three Strikes- FACTS (Los Angeles, CA) $1,300 to support a campaign to change the criminal justice system.

Friends and Family Who Care (Waterbury, CT) $3,000 to protest the transfer of local inmates out of state and the use of supermax prisons.

The Lifers’ Group, Inc. (Norfolk, MA) $500 for a newsletter to inform the group’s members about changes to and injustices within the prison system.

Michigan-CURE (Kalamazoo, MI) $1,000 to engage religious communities in the movement to stop the death penalty.

Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 to seek an immediate moratorium on executions and an end to the death penalty.

Philadelphia Direct Action Group (Philadelphia, PA) $2,000 to bring together prison activists, former prisoners and prisoners’ family members to develop an organizing agenda opposing the prison industrial complex.

Prison and Jail Project (Americus, GA) $3,000* for an organization which challenges the corrupt and racist criminal justice system in southwest Georgia.

Prison Moratorium Project (New York, NY) $3,000 for Not With Our Money!, a national student campaign seeking to force major multinational corporations and commercial banks out of the for-profit private prison industry.

The Tamms Committee (Wauconda, IL) $1,600 for wider distribution of The Forum, a prison-based newsletter focusing on abusive conditions at the Tamms supermax prison.

Task Force on Money, Education and Prisons, Inc. (Madison, WI) $1,900 to produce bi-monthly newsletter about the prison system in Wisconsin.

Southland Prison News (Cambridge, MA) $1,800 to assist prisoners, their families and activists to effect changes in the prison system.

Western Prison Project (Portland, OR) $3,000 to seek progressive reform of the criminal justice system and to counter the explosive growth of the prison-industrial complex in rural towns in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
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Women

Appalachian Women’s Alliance (Floyd, VA) $3,000 to hire a field organizer to lead an alliance of African-American women working on issues of racism and economic justice in the coalfields of southwestern Virginia.

Association for Union Democracy - Women’s Project (Brooklyn, NY) $3,000 for organization raising public awareness and putting pressure on unions, contractors, and government agencies for the enforcement of equal access and opportunity for women in nontraditional blue collar skilled jobs.

Connecticut NARAL Foundation (Hartford, CT) $2,000 to investigate anti-abortion practices engaged in by Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund (Cambridge, MA) $2,600 for materials used in organizing efforts regarding need for increased public funding for reproductive health care.

Hermanas: Sisterhood in Central America and the Caribbean (Princeton, NJ) $3,000 for a coalition working to enlarge the number and diversity of women working to end the blockade of Cuba and to forge an anti-racist, anti-imperialist women’s movement in the US.

NARAL-PA Foundation (Philadelphia, PA) $2,100 to update computer equipment to support key programs, including ACCESS, Teens Organized for Reproductive Choice, and the Campaign for Contraceptive Coverage.

Nevada Empowered Women’s Project (Reno, NV) $3,000 for an organization of low-income women working for social and economic justice.

Sister Spirit, Inc. (Ovett, MS) $2,100 for programs including education, meeting space, and advocacy to address social issues and inequities in the Deep South.

TARAL Education Fund (Austin, TX) $1,600 for a Spanish translation of handbook on women’s options for preventing pregnancy and making decisions regarding unintended pregnancies.

Tewa Women United (Santa Fe, NM) $3,000 for an organization which seeks to unite Northern New Mexican community members around environmental justice and health issues.

Women of Color Alliance (Meridian, ID) $3,000 to develop an institutional foundation for social change activism led by and on behalf of women of color.

Women’s Network of the Red River Valley (Moorhead, MN) $1,500 for a feminist network to engage in anti-racist workshops and for a project that exposes anti-abortion practices of Crisis Pregnancy Centers, which mislead patients about reproductive choices.

Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL) (Missoula, MT) $3,000 for an annual fundraiser that includes outreach and education about issues related to poverty.

Youth

180 Movement for Democracy and Education (Madison, WI) $950 for an organization which works to create a truly democratic education system and engages in a range of social justice organizing on college campuses.

Houston Committee for Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Houston, TX) $2,500 to educate public school youth about non-military opportunities and non-violent conflict resolution.

Idaho Progressive Student Alliance (Boise, ID) $3,000 for the Statewide Progressive Advocacy Training conference where student activists will receive training in practical organizing skills, and continue to build a student movement in Idaho.

Latinos Unidos Siempre (Salem, OR) $3,000 to challenge institutionalized racism, sexism and homophobia. (Salzman Grant)

Padres Unidos (Denver, CO) $3,000 for an organization which enables students and families to organize and fight against institutionalized racism and oppression in the public schools.

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO) (Encinitas, CA) $3,000 for counter-recruitment campaigns highlighting non-military alternatives for job training, education and community service.

Ruckus (Seattle, WA) $800 to support a progressive student news journal which examines political issues and trains activists and journalists as part of building a forceful student movement.

Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality (Salem, OR) $1,800 to help mobilize the community around educational equality.

School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL) (Oakland, CA) $3,000 to develop multicultural leadership, to organize training programs for youth and to fight for affirmative action in California.

Youth Force Coalition (Oakland, CA) $3,000 to build operational and strategic unity among diverse youth groups to create a just society.

Youth Organizing Communities (Montebello, CA) $2,300 for a media and training component of youth-driven organization fighting for educational justice and an end to the Prison Industrial Complex.
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**Water Information Network**

PO Box 4524  
Albuquerque, NM, 87106  
win52@earthlink.net

The Water Information Network (WIN) formed in 1988 as means for grassroots citizens to directly confront environmental contamination affecting their communities. Since then, the network has focused on educating and mobilizing citizens to take action on a range of environmental issues within the Southwest, as well as cross-border organizing. WIN has been involved in providing development assistance to emerging grassroots organizing projects within the Southwest.

Resist awarded WIN $3,000 for support of their rural organizing campaign around coal, uranium, toxic and low-level nuclear waste siting.

**Citizens for Police Review**

3615 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Knoxville, TN, 37914  
www.korrnet.org/cpr

Citizens for Police Review is a grassroots organization which seeks to hold police accountable for a range of actions constituting police misconduct. They are an inter-racial organization striving towards a broad vision of social justice through their challenges to the criminal justice system in Knoxville. Recently they have begun to work in collaboration with the arts community to expand the ways in which low-income and communities of color can take control in shaping their communities.

Resist awarded Citizens for Police Review $3,000 for general support.

**PRIDE**

PO Box 775  
Helena, MT, 59624  
www.gaymontana.com/pride

PRIDE formed to fight Montana’s intolerant “sexual deviancy” law in 1993 and continues now as the only statewide organization dedicated to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender organizing. Their latest project involves challenging the virulent anti-gay climate in Western Montana. Through sustained education, outreach, and organizing programs PRIDE hopes to raise awareness about GLBT-related issues within these communities in order to lead to future organizing.

Resist awarded PRIDE $3,000 for their “West of the Divide 2002” project, which challenges the virulently anti-gay climate on the west side of Montana’s Rocky Mountain spine.

**Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space**

PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL, 32607  
www.space4peace.org

The Global Network has been actively organizing international activists around military space work for 10 years. Through international conferences and national organizing tours, they have worked to heighten the visibility of this issue. In the post-September 11th climate, the Global Network has emphasized the connections between increased Star Wars spending and decreased human need spending.

Resist awarded the Global Network $2,000 to organize a series of anti-militarization conferences and protests opposing missile defense funding and the development of “Star Wars” weapons.

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