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Rockwood Leadership Program

(Berkeley, CA)

Leadership Training for the Next Generation of Jewish Social Justice Activists

Total Award: \$164,000 over 20 months

Organization: www.rockwoodleadership.org

To support Leadership Training for the Next Generation of Jewish Social Justice Activists. This project represents the third phase of collaboration between the Nathan Cummings Foundation and the Rockwood Leadership Program, providing trainings that enable a more effective and collaborative leadership model for Jewish social justice activists and the formation of cohorts that will be able to work collaboratively in the future – thus leveraging the impact of the work of their individual organizations. In the third phase, the Rockwood Leadership Program will: 1) Re-convene the second cohort of emerging Jewish social justice leaders for a second phase of Rockwood's retreat-based curriculum in leadership development and cohort-building; 2) Launch a “city cohort” of 20-25 Jewish social justice leaders from a major city to participate in the two-stage Art of Leadership workshop; 3) Launch a “scoping cohort” of 20-25 individuals from the greater community of Jewish leaders, based in a variety of non-profit, agency, and other settings, recruited through a wide outreach to participate in the Art of Leadership; 4) Evaluate the first three phases of "Jewish Rockwood" and determine the optimal contours of the program, organizational and governance structures, and funding strategy going forward; and 5) Begin to craft partnerships with a few key foundations.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$164,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: Objectives I & III

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs

(Chicago, IL)

Rabbinical Student Fellowship

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.jcua.org

To support the Rabbinical Student Fellowship, an intensive summer program through which rabbinical students gain hands-on experiences in social justice work in a Jewish context. Five to six rabbinical students will spend the summer working with one of JCUA's local partner organizations, while also learning Jewish texts related to social justice, studying contemporary political issues, learning about organizing, and considering ways to incorporate social justice into their future rabbinate. Through this combination of skills training, text study, mentoring, and group reflection, a cohort of rabbinical students from a diversity of movements and seminaries will increase their knowledge of, commitments to, and ability to work in partnerships to address issues of social and economic justice, enabling new generations of rabbis to meaningfully and effectively incorporate social justice work into their rabbinate and communities.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: Objectives I & III

Kehilat Hadar

(New York, NY)

Independent Minyan Conference

Total Award: \$14,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.kehilathadar.org

To support the Independent Minyan (Jewish prayer group) Conference, the first official gathering of founders and leaders of independent Shabbat morning minyanim which have started in the past five years. These minyanim reflect a growing and important trend in Jewish life today: young Jews in their 20s and 30s organizing outside the denominational and structural boundaries of the institutional Jewish world to form independent prayer and study communities. The goals of the conference are to develop an informal social network between the leaders of these communities through personal interaction; to present and discuss common organizational issues facing these growing communities; and to gather organizational and demographic data in order to get a clearer picture of these new communities. Ultimately the Conference aims to offer mutual support and resources to existing new minyanim, as well as create pathways for new minyanim to join this network and form communities in other cities.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$14,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objective II*

Jewish Coalition for Service, Inc.

(New York, NY)

General Support

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 years

Organization: www.jewishservice.org

To support the Jewish Coalition for Service (JCS), a coalition of more than 50 programs that engage Jews – primarily between the ages of 15-30 – in service and activism. The Coalition works to expand the capacity and variety of programs working to engage Jews in social issues, while also pioneering a campaign to make service and activism a more central part of contemporary Jewish life in America. In the coming two years, JCS will: 1) expand partnerships with Jewish organizations and professionals to raise visibility within the organized Jewish community and finetune effective marketing strategies for reaching less engaged Jews; 2) expand recruitment programs through growing its target communities and institutional relationships and continue its involvement with key annual community conference, trainings, and service events; 3) enable its affiliates to share resources and to access professional training on topics related to their work; 4) further cultivate JCS board leadership and sustainable base of support; and 5) take on a larger and more visible role in conducting planning and providing central leadership and facilitation for the field of Jewish service.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$200,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objectives I & III*

Jennie Rosenn's spouse, David Rosenn, serves on the Affiliates' Advisory Council to the Jewish Coalition for Service, Inc. Board.

Camp Isabella Freedman of Conn, Inc.

(Falls Village, CT)

Adamah and Support for Organizational Merger

Total Award: \$110,000 over 2 years

Organization: www.isabellafreedman.org

Project: www.isabellafreedman.org/adamah

To support Adamah, a three-month leadership training program for Jewish young adults that integrates Jewish learning, organic farming, leadership, sustainable living, and contemplative spiritual practice. Adamah is cultivating a next generation of Jewish leaders through hands-on immersion in Jewish learning, community living, and ecological sustainability, preparing fellows to model Jewish values and environmentalism within and beyond the organized Jewish community. Over the next two years, four new cohorts of Fellows will engage in the residential program through which they will learn the skills of organic farming, study Jewish sources on the environment, engage in daily contemplative prayer, build intentional community, and deliver programming to 2,000 visitors to the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. Adamah will also host an alumni retreat each year to further engage the Adamah alumni across cohorts and within their home communities. A portion of this grant will also assist in the approaching merger between Camp Isabella Freedman and the Elat Chayyim Jewish Retreat Center. The funds will be used for staff and board integration, legal fees, training and development, and technical synthesis of systems.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$110,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: Objectives I, II, & III

Jewish Fund for Justice, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Synagogue Organizing & Katrina Reconstruction and Redevelopment Fund

Total Award: \$215,000 over 9 months

Organization: www.jfjustice.org

To support the Synagogue Organizing Project and the Hurricane Katrina Recovery and Redevelopment Fund, projects of the Jewish Funds for Justice (JFSJ). The goal of the Synagogue Organizing Project is to create real and lasting commitments by the Jewish community to faith-based organizing and spur synagogues to impact local public policy on issues of social and economic justice. The Synagogue Organizing Project will foster and reinforce relationships between synagogues and faith-based community organizing groups; partner in the development and implementation of Jewish training resources; convene national and local gatherings; and provide technical assistance to lay leaders, clergy, and organizers. JFSJ also will work closely with the Union for Reform Judaism's faith-based organizing project, Just Congregations; identify a handful of pilot projects through which to test different organizing models and invest in specific regions; and continue engaging rabbinical students through the Seminary Leadership Project. Through the second project of this grant, the Hurricane Katrina Recovery and Redevelopment Fund, JFSJ will support access to credit by strengthening local community development banks and credit unions and supporting city, regional, and state-wide grassroots advocacy and organizing by low-income people most affected by Hurricane Katrina. In addition to providing necessary support for ongoing redevelopment, the Katrina Fund is serving an important role in focusing the attention of the Jewish community on the low-income victims of Hurricane Katrina and creating of an ongoing Jewish response to the injustices left in its wake.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$175,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: Objectives I, II, III, & IV

\$40,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: Objectives I & II

Shomrey Mishpat Rabbis for Human Rights/North America **Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year**
(West Tisbury, MA)
General Support

Organization: www.rhr-na.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support Shomrey Mishpat Rabbis for Human Rights/North America (RHR-NA) to engage rabbis, cantors, and rabbinical students as passionate teachers and advocates for human rights in North America and to build RHR-NA as a well-known and effective national rabbinic organization that inspires human rights advocacy in the Jewish community. This year RHR-NA will hold The Rabbinic Conference on Judaism and Human Rights, the first ever of its kind, in December 2006 in New York City. The conference will bring together a multi-denominational cross-section of rabbis, cantors, and rabbinical students to give voice to the Jewish religious traditions of human rights through: 1) the study of sacred texts related to issues of justice; 2) briefings from experts on current human rights issues; 3) collaboration between participants for new human rights initiatives to be launched in the North American Jewish community; and 4) the sharing of best practices, successes, and failures in integrating justice work into rabbinic work. The conference will also include a meeting of Rabbinical Students for Human Rights, a new organization seeking to further the mission and structure of human rights advocacy through Jewish activism among a younger generation of rabbis-in-training. This conference will be a centerpiece in their broader efforts to develop a Jewish Campaign to End US-Sponsored Torture.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objective III*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*

American Association of University Professors **Total Award: \$46,000 over 1 year**
(Washington, DC)
Academic Boycotts

Organization: www.aaup.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support Academic Boycotts, a project of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to begin developing a consensus on why academic boycotts are intrinsically a violation of academic freedom. AAUP's Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure has developed and distributed a draft policy statement about the appropriateness of academic boycotts when measured against the standards of academic freedom. In February 2006, AAUP will convene 18 experts from around the world to critically review the statement. AAUP will solicit from this group submissions of articles for an issue of the AAUP publication, *Academe*. These articles and the AAUP policy statement on academic boycotts will constitute a special issue of *Academe* to be printed and distributed worldwide.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$16,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objectives III & IV*

\$30,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*

Judson Memorial Church

(New York, NY)

Jobs with Justice Faith in Action

Total Award: \$220,000 over 2 years

Organization: www.judson.org

Project: www.nyjwj.org

To support Jobs with Justice Faith In Action Project, to increase the participation and effectiveness of faith-based communities within NYC's social change movement and to deepen and increase Jobs with Justice (JwJ) work with communities of faith across the country. Through Faith in Action, New York JwJ – in partnership with national JwJ – will grow the number of congregations involved in ongoing social justice efforts by providing training, education, and on-the-ground campaign opportunities for congregants and clergy. JwJ will also build a Faith In Action Advisory Council of interfaith religious leaders and active congregants with whom to reinvigorate and project a moral argument for social and economic justice in New York and more broadly. Over the next two years, JwJ will: 1) Consolidate five NYC neighborhood-based Faith In Action networks that are actively engaged in social change work; 2) Project a moral framework for social and economic justice that promotes progressive values broadly and NY JwJ's priority issues and campaigns specifically through clergy and congregant gatherings, workshops, forums, and internal and external media projection; 3) Develop an infrastructure to support and expand Faith In Action within NY JwJ by developing an active and engaged advisory council, broad-based supporters, and skilled staff; and 4) Support the growth of the Faith In Action model throughout the JwJ national network, provide strategic support to four local JwJ coalitions, and profile and advance Faith in Action at national gatherings.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$150,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: Objectives III & IV

\$20,000 Health Program: Objective I, Strategy 1

\$50,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: Objectives I & II

Interfaith Youth Core

(Chicago, IL)

Colleges and Universities Program

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 years

Organization: www.ifyc.org

To support the Colleges and Universities Program to create a pattern of interaction among religiously diverse young people on US college and university campuses that builds understanding and cooperative pursuit of the common good. The Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) will systematically expand their National Days of Interfaith Youth Service (NDIYS) to campuses across the country, providing community service and joint dialogue experiences for young people of diverse faiths. NDIYS, along with IFYC's other programs, build relationships and cooperative action among different faith groups on campuses. Over the next two years, IFYC will expand the Colleges and Universities Program by building a network of key relationships in colleges and universities; fine-tuning their pilot programs at DePaul University; communicating the successes of IFYC campus programs; developing and distributing marketing materials; delivering the first stage of direct service programming on campuses; providing campus leadership with tools and training for self-facilitated interfaith service and dialogue on campuses; supporting on-going campus programs; and implementing effective evaluation measures.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$150,000 Jewish Life and Values: Objective IV

\$50,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: Objectives I & II

PeaceWorks Network Foundation

(New York, NY)

OneVoice Campus Education Program

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.onevoicemovement.org

To support the OneVoice Campus Education Program, a new project of the OneVoice Initiative (OneVoice) to bring consensus-building programs and moderate, positive dialogue around the Middle East conflict to American college campuses. OneVoice aims to strengthen and amplify the voice of the overwhelming but virtually silent majority of moderates who are committed to peace. Based on OneVoice's successful model of negotiation and leadership development in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, the Campus Education Program will bring Israeli and Palestinian OneVoice Youth Leaders to American college campuses for a series of Town Hall style events under the sponsorship of local student groups and community bodies. The aim is to demonstrate to student groups that their views and goals overlap more than they realize and that united efforts can help contribute to solutions rather than furthering the conflict. OneVoice will extend the influence of these events and the OneVoice mission of positive, solution-oriented dialogue through campus media and follow-up events.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Jewish Life and Values: *Objective IV*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*