

GRANTS LIST

Human Rights Watch, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Changing the Labor Rights Practices of European Companies in the United States

Total Award: \$20,000 over 6 Months

Organization: <http://www.hrw.org>

To support Changing the Labor Rights Practices of European Companies in the United States, a project of Human Rights Watch's Business and Human Rights Program. This six month advocacy campaign will follow the publication of a comprehensive HRW report, to be released in July 2009, on the labor practices of European companies in their US operations. HRW will publicize alleged labor abuses of 10 European companies whose conduct was investigated and which employ thousands of American workers. The report will highlight institutional shortcomings in safeguarding freedom of association and union-busting practices. Using extensive relationships with policymakers and civil society in the US and Europe, HRW will deploy pressure on the companies "named and Shamed" in the report to reform their practices. Respecting workers' freedom of association is expected to lead to better health insurance coverage and improved workplace health and safety. HRW will also conduct advocacy to raise awareness and educate policymakers and the public about weak labor rights protections in the US as compared to international standards.

Shareowner Education Network

(Washington, DC)

General Support

Total Award: \$15,000 over 12 Months

Organization: www.shareowners.org

To support the Shareowner Education Network (SEN), a non-profit organization established to educate and mobilize citizen shareholders. SEN's mission is to educate investors so they understand their rights as owners and provide them the tools to take action at publicly-held companies they own.

PERI Support Fund, Inc.

(Amherst, MA)

Economists' Committee for Stable, Accountable, and Equitable Financial Reform

Total Award: \$25,000 over 5 Months

Organization: www.peri.umass.edu

To support the Economists' Committee for Stable, Accountable, and Equitable Financial Reform, an initiative of the PERI Support Fund. This project will (1) provide a focal point, clearinghouse and coordinating mechanism for progressive economists and analysts to gather and debate their analyses on financial re-regulation and reform; (2) reach a consensus on the key issues relating to financial regulation and reform; and (3) help incorporate this work into the public debate over financial regulation that will ensue over the coming six to nine months or so. By bringing these analysts together, PERI will be able to sharpen their analyses, and also enhance their impact on this public debate.

The Focus Project, Inc.
(Washington, DC)

Total Award: \$15,000 over 10 Months

OMB Watch-The Equity, Transparency, and Government Performance Project

Organization: <http://www.ombwatch.org>

To help support the Equity, Transparency, and Government Performance Project which will address equity and social and economic justice issues associated with the recovery expenditures short-term and all federal government spending long-term. This initiative aims to empower the public interest community to address a host of important questions about the equitable implementation of government programs and services. Using Recovery Act expenditures as a starting point, the Focus Project will work to marry transparency policies with the right data elements and with performance measurements. The goals are to (1) ensure government collects the right information and it is publicly accessible; (2) develop web-based tools that help groups use the information; and (3) encourage advocacy and analysis of the data to promote a progressive agenda on federal spending.

Center for Victims of Torture
(Minneapolis, MN)
General Support

Total Award: \$10,000 over 12 Months

Organization: cvt.org

For general support of the activities of the Center for Victims of Torture, an organization that works to heal the wounds of torture on individuals, their families and their communities and to stop torture worldwide. Funds will be used to support infrastructure expenses to help manage a growing and increasingly complex organization, provide care and rehabilitative services to torture survivors, and create new allies against torture and new resources for healing survivors.