



DAVID
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FUND

2016 Annual Report

“It is my sincere hope that The David Rockefeller Fund will become an effective vehicle to further the philanthropic goals of my family...Our family continues to be united in the belief that those who have benefited the most from our nation’s economic system have a special responsibility to give back to our society in meaningful ways.”

- David Rockefeller

ABOUT

The David Rockefeller Fund was established in 1989 by David Rockefeller and his wife, Peggy, to carry out their annual charitable giving in communities where they had homes outside New York City. In 2001, David Rockefeller expanded the Fund and invited his children, grandchildren, and their spouses to take a more active role in the Fund, with the idea of transferring to them his philanthropic legacy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In its work, the Fund seeks to address the root causes of problems, working both locally and on a broader policy level guided by the following principles:

FAMILY LEGACY

We seek to honor the philanthropic traditions and values exemplified by David and Peggy Rockefeller, recognizing the responsibility that we have to be active and engaged participants in our communities, as well as in the larger world.

RISK TAKING

We will not shy away from difficult social issues; indeed we believe that our greatest impact often results from taking on exactly those problems that more traditional funders tend to avoid.

LEVERAGE

As a small foundation committed to tackling big issues, we value collaboration and work to identify those grant-making opportunities where our family's tradition of philanthropy will help bring attention to difficult problems. We are committed to doing the greatest possible good with the resources we have.

RESPECT

We respect our grantees as equal partners in the work we do. Our general approach is to identify people and institutions doing important work and then support them in ways they will find most meaningful, without imposing undue burdens on them.

FLEXIBILITY

We recognize that one of our particular strengths as a family foundation is the ability to act quickly and be responsive to the real-time needs of our grantees.

SELF-EXAMINATION

Since we are committed both to taking risks and to achieving the greatest possible impact, we understand the importance of assessing our activities on a regular basis in the hope that our funding can make a demonstrable difference, both for the issues we care about and the nonprofit organizations we support.

GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

In 2016, the David Rockefeller Fund had three primary program areas: Arts, Criminal Justice, and Environment.

The Arts Program focuses on cultivating, showcasing and disseminating the stories of innovative art for social change; Criminal Justice supports bold new ideas and policy initiatives for transforming U.S. detention and incarceration policy; and Environment supports new ideas, initiatives and policy breakthroughs in support of bipartisan U.S. climate leadership. In 2016, 33 grants, totaling \$1,257,500 were awarded to 45 organizations in those areas.

In addition to the program areas outlined above, the Fund underwrote a number of initiatives designed to encourage family members' individual philanthropic involvement and interests.

Grants listed in this report reflect grants awarded in 2016 even if some payments may have been made in 2017.

MISSION

We invest in catalytic ideas, people, efforts, and institutions working strategically toward ecological regeneration, justice system reform, and art for social impact.

VISION

The David Rockefeller Fund is a family foundation inspired by the vision and generosity of our founders, David and Peggy Rockefeller, to foster and embody a more just, creative, and flourishing world.

2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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The David Rockefeller Fund's Board membership changes every year and also includes non-family members.

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ARTS

EMPHASIS

Cultivating, showcasing and disseminating innovative stories of art for social change.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

National

“Art is important because it expands how we look at and understand the world. It can make us think beyond our own experience, and often, in our appreciation, we find things that link us in a common humanity.”

-David Rockefeller

The Arts funding strategy is to help cultivate, showcase, and disseminate the most compelling examples and stories of innovative art for social change. In doing so, the Fund aims to have a positive impact on a range of social problems while influencing the broader field of arts and culture philanthropy to try and draw greater attention and resources to “arts for social impact” from both private funding sources as well as public funds.

A Blade of Grass **New York, NY** **\$150,000 over 3 years**

A Blade of Grass (ABOG) is dedicated to nurturing socially engaged artists who are working collaboratively with communities to support positive social change. A multi-year, renewed grant in 2016 enables the organization to continue building the Criminal Justice Fellowship. This fellowship puts an individual or team of artists into direct relationship with other fellows and Fund grantees and explores how artists and criminal justice organizations can effectively align. This endeavor is predicated on the shared hypothesis that socially engaged artists can create spaces of collective imagination that reframe, inspire, or refresh the difficult work that social justice organizations are engaged in. Organizations impart knowledge and connect to artists so as to increase the relevance and impact of their artistic work.

Center for Urban Pedagogy **Brooklyn, NY** **\$25,000**

The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) uses the power of design and art to increase meaningful civic engagement, particularly among historically underrepresented communities. Community and youth collaborators use a research-based, design-driven process to create inventive tools for community participation and change. CUP's primary activities are: community education programs that include print and media publications and workshop tools produced with and for community partners; and youth education programs with intensive, experiential learning programs for public high school students.

chashama **New York, NY** **\$25,000**

chashama has 20 years of experience working collaboratively with artists, landlords, and the community to realize the potential in untapped resources of space, creativity and energy in New York City. The organization works with communities in NYC to implement arts programs that enrich neighborhoods through mentoring, public art, and exhibitions. Funding supports the Bronx Artist Housing Initiative (BAHI), which positions local artists as stewards of community and place, specifically in the Bronx community. BAHI provides below market-rate housing for artists in the Bronx in exchange for dedicated time devoted to socially impactful art projects in the community.

Fortune Society **Long Island City, NY** **\$20,000**

Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry after incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration. Fortune believes that art serves as a powerful resource for humanizing the prison experience and giving the public new ways to understand the true impact of incarceration. Funding supports a new pipeline to provide justice-involved individuals from under-served communities with exposure to artists and arts programming that will create pathways for careers in the arts. The initiative aims to increase diversity and equity in New York City's arts and culture sector.

Girl Be Heard **Brooklyn, NY** **\$25,000**

Girl Be Heard is a nonprofit theater company that uses performance as a platform for girls to elevate their experiences and share them in a way that has local and global policy impacts. The organization takes performances and workshops beyond the traditional art space to community-based settings and policymaking centers, engaging young

people and their shared communities in positive dialogues. The organization has performed for the New York City Council, the White House and the United Nations and hopes to continue to expand high-level performances and partnerships that lead to policy change.

MAPP International Productions **New York, NY** **\$25,000**

MAPP International Productions offers a space for contemporary artists to create and perform their work. It focuses on artists who tackle complex subject matter, experiment with form, and push the cultural conversation forward in society. The Fund's grant supports a groundbreaking performance piece that tackles the prison industrial complex through a one-woman show. The show moves beyond the traditional theatrical experience to encourage dialogue, learning, contemplation and action.

People's Collective Arts (a project of Watershed Center) **New York, NY** **\$17,500**

People's Collective Arts is a group of artists, activists and organizations working at the intersection of art, culture and politics. The Fund supports research and development for the pilot of a rapid response mobile media lab to support "movement moments" across the country. The unit will provide on-the-ground creative support to community groups, collectives, individuals, and national coalitions throughout the country, focused on organizations and groups who have limited resources or are responding to dire and immediate needs. The unit will facilitate the training and outfitting of frontline activities, as well as digital storytelling.

Pros and Cons (a project of the John Howard Society of Canada) **Ontario, Canada** **\$25,000**

Pros and Cons is a music program that brings arts professionals into prisons to develop creative ideas in deep partnership with people who are incarcerated for a crime. The organization brings writing sessions, question-and-answer gatherings with artists, and recording sessions into prisons. Not only do participants learn the art of recording and engineering, but their music is disseminated to the public, which humanizes their experiences and broadens societal consciousness surrounding conditions of incarceration. Funding supports the pilot and expansion of this programming.

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC **Brooklyn, NY** **\$25,000**

TONYC offers an interactive form of theater created by communities facing oppression. Funding supports the Legislative Forum, which brings citizens and policymakers together in creative dialogue. Audience members are able to witness original plays based on the actors' lived experiences of discrimination in New York City. Audience members, including advocates, elected officials and policymakers, as well as communities affected by the issues, participate onstage alongside the actors. They are invited to offer alternative responses to systemic problems at the individual, institutional and policy level. TONYC then collaborates with community groups to implement the policy suggestions.

**United Workers Association
Baltimore, MD**

\$30,000

The United Workers Association develops membership and leadership across Maryland to transform economic development in Baltimore from a trickle-down approach to a fair development model. United Workers strives to bring together low-income communities to achieve work with dignity, permanently affordable housing, and environmental justice. Funding supports artistic elements of a campaign to halt the production of a trash burning incinerator less than a mile away from a high school. Poetry, music, dance, and graphic art are utilized to bring the issue to life.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

EMPHASIS

Supporting bold new policy proposals and initiatives for transforming U.S. detention/incarceration policies.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

National

“The mood and temper of the public in regard to the treatment of crime and criminals is one of the most unfailing tests of the civilization of any country.”

-Winston Churchill

The Criminal Justice program funding priority is to support bold new policy proposals and initiatives for transforming U.S. detention/incarceration policies. The goals of transformative grants and advocacy are to ensure more humane and effective policies and dramatically reduce the numbers of those incarcerated in favor of alternatives for restorative, community justice that provide real healing to crime victims’ families and truly safer communities. This will take patient capital, creative risks, imaginative grants criteria, and compassion for all stakeholders in the justice system. It also requires data-driven analysis and investments in leadership development, grassroots empowerment, and smart organizing for effective policy advocacy.

Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth Washington, DC \$25,000

The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth is a national coalition that coordinates and leads efforts to implement just alternatives to the extreme sentencing of America's youth with a focus on abolishing life without parole sentences for all young people. Funding supports the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network (ICAN), a first-of-its-kind national network of individuals incarcerated for serious crimes as youth. DR Fund support enabled ICAN members to influence and advance state- and national-level reforms to the extreme sentencing of youth in the United States.

Center for Constitutional Rights New York, NY \$150,000 over 3 years

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) was founded during the American Civil Rights Movement by attorneys representing civil rights activists and movements in the South. Over the nearly 50 years since, CCR has provided progressive legal advocacy to virtually every major social and civil rights movement in the U.S. In so doing, CCR has achieved numerous victories to expand the rights of communities of color, immigrant communities, and other marginalized groups and individuals. Funding supports a strategic planning process that aims to upend oppressive systems of power and defend minority rights.

Center for Mindfulness & Criminal Justice (a project of Prison Dharma Network) Berkeley, CA \$25,000

The Center for Mindfulness and Criminal Justice (CMCJ) is building a nationwide network of organizations that are bringing mindfulness into the criminal justice system, and working with them to integrate a mindful approach into the larger reform movement. CMCJ is developing mindfulness-based programs for a critical piece of the system—prosecutors' offices and criminal courtrooms—that can become a model for jurisdictions nationwide. Funding supports a “mindful courtroom” pilot in San Jose, CA with the goal of becoming a model for a more fair, humane and compassionate criminal justice system.

Detention Watch Network (a project of Tides Center) Washington, DC \$50,000 over 2 years

The Detention Watch Network (DWN) is the only national coalition that focuses exclusively on immigration detention and enforcement issues. DWN works through the collective strength and diversity of its members to expose and challenge the injustices of the U.S. immigration detention system and advocate for change that promotes the rights and dignity of all people. Its organizational members and individual members from around the country work together to educate the public and policymakers about the injustices of the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system. Funding supports the escalation of local campaign efforts against detention centers through the Local Member Capacity and Movement Building Program.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice New York, NY \$50,000

Established in 2005 as part of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Prisoner

Reentry Institute works to spur innovation and improve practices in the field of prisoner reentry. Funding supports policy research and advocacy efforts to design a better-integrated statewide educational system in state correctional facilities. The goal of this “action research” is to expand public funding policies for these programs and increase the number of beneficiaries. Funding also supports the creation of a Criminal Justice Fellowship program to expose formerly incarcerated individuals to the field of philanthropy as well as to serve as a model for other foundations to create similar programs.

Just Leadership USA New York, NY \$50,000

Just Leadership USA (JLUSA) is a national nonpartisan membership organization that has a clear and deliberately ambitious long-term goal to reduce the number of people in prison by half by the year 2030. JLUSA's broader mission is to strengthen and elevate the voices of individuals and communities directly impacted both by crime and the criminal justice system, by enabling them to become more powerful reform partners on the local, state, and national levels. Funding supports efforts to strengthen work around the #CLOSErikers campaign, specifically by incorporating voices from those most impacted by the jail complex.

New York Juvenile Justice Initiative (a project of FJC) New York, NY \$2,500

The New York Youth Justice Initiative, formerly the New York Juvenile Justice Initiative, is a coalition of philanthropic organizations and donors seeking to improve the youth justice system in New York and outcomes for justice-involved youth. Through coordination, collaboration and information-sharing, NYJJI increases the ability of its member organizations to strategically and effectively support this goal. The coalition also creates opportunities for funders to network, learn and engage in deeper conversation about strategy and pool funds for deeper impact.

Sentencing Project Washington, DC \$25,000

The Sentencing Project (SP) works throughout the United States to create a fair and effective criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration. SP research has served as the backbone of successful advocacy campaigns for drug policy, juvenile justice reform, more equitable sentencing, and voting rights for people with felony convictions. Funding supports SP's efforts to reduce the number of people in prison in the U.S., address racial injustice and disparities, and eliminate juvenile life without parole sentences and felon disenfranchisement.

Project on Government Oversight Washington, DC \$20,000

The Project on Government Oversight (POGO) is a non-partisan government watchdog group that investigates, exposes and remedies abuses of power. POGO is unique in that they not only conduct their own investigations and release their findings, but also propose policy solutions and work towards their implementation. Support helps bring to light the connection between policies encouraging the incarceration of immigrants in private detention facilities and the financial incentives of the federal contracts running

those facilities, as well as the politicians encouraging these policies. The ultimate goal of this work is to reform policies that encourage the incarceration of immigrants in private detention facilities and/or incentivize federal contractors running those facilities to keep them full.

Vera Institute of Justice **New York, NY** **\$20,000**

Vera Institute of Justice works closely with the government to build and improve justice systems that ensure fairness, promote safety and strengthen communities. Funding supports the pilot of an innovative study and partnership in New Orleans to examine the financial incentives of the user-funded justice system and develop policy solutions. The project aims to illuminate the problem and identify opportunities to replace these systems with ones that incentivize better justice and safety outcomes. The pilot has the potential to be replicated nationally and become an important step toward creating justice systems that are more fair and humane.

Working Narratives (a project of Fractured Atlas)
Wilmington, NC **\$20,000**

Working at the intersection of arts, technology, and policy, Working Narratives is a collaborative umbrella organization that helps social movements effectively convey their message. Funding supports the Nation Inside program, one of the largest and fastest-growing national networks of grassroots groups working on mass incarceration. This year, Nation Inside launched a rural/urban grassroots coalition to address a gap in current mobilization efforts. This coalition promotes broad reforms to the prison system by advocating for redirection of state and local resources toward investments in community-based solutions.

Youth First Initiative (a project of New Venture Fund)
Washington, DC **\$50,000 over 2 years**

The Youth First Initiative is a national advocacy campaign to end the incarceration of youth in juvenile prisons and redirect resources towards effective community-based, non-residential programs. Building on the strong public support for rehabilitation rather than the incarceration of American youth, Youth First serves as a policy incubator for legal reforms, a replicable advocacy model, and a state and national advocacy coordinator by connecting ideas across the country and bringing them to scale. Funding supports efforts to provide technical assistance to state-based campaign leaders with the goal of generating increased revenue.

ENVIRONMENT

EMPHASIS

Generating bipartisan leadership on climate change at a federal level by supporting new ideas, initiatives and policy breakthroughs.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

National

“The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope.”

-Wendell Berry

The Environment program funding priority is to generate bipartisan leadership on climate change at a federal level by supporting new ideas, initiatives and policy breakthroughs. Staff are especially interested in opportunities to test a bold new idea, concept, or approach; add value to a pilot or demonstration project; and help an idea or innovation find new audiences. Staff activity is intended to collaborate in grantmaking with other funders, leverage additional funds, advocate on behalf of grantees with other funders, and capitalize on timely opportunities.

Center for Climate & Security (a project of Sustainable Markets Foundation)
Washington, DC **\$150,000 over 3 years**

The Center for Climate & Security (CCS) is a policy research convener and coordinator that supports U.S. policy development, conducts original research and acts as a resource hub in the climate and security field. Utilizing an advisory board of military, security and foreign policy experts, CCS produces expert non-partisan recommendations for government, academics, non-profits and the private sector. This funding supports, among other work, the promotion of a bipartisan consensus statement and briefing book for the current administration. The recent release of these documents, and the event that surrounded their release, contributed to the first-ever Presidential Memorandum on Climate Change and National Security.

Citizens Climate Education **Coronado, CA** **\$25,000**

Citizens' Climate Education (CCE) provides ordinary citizens with the opportunity to educate political leaders, the media and the general public about climate change solutions. CCE trains and empowers citizen climate educators to educate elected officials about the risks of climate change and the benefits of climate solutions, as well as supports the necessary conditions for the emergence of a bipartisan climate solution coalition in Congress. Funding supports efforts to train a growing, passionate and vocal corps of citizen climate advocates so that they might educate elected officials about climate change impacts and viable national policy solutions.

Climate Parents (a project of Sierra Club Foundation)
Oakland, CA **\$40,000**

Climate Parents is a national organization of diverse parents and families organizing for clean energy and climate solutions. It believes that parents are persuasive advocates because they cut across all demographics and are compelling moral messengers. Funding supports a merger with Sierra Club, enabling the organization to build local Climate Parents groups led by parents in multiple states. The merger will increase the organization's capacity to carry out on-the-ground campaign work in multiple states concurrently to complement online and communications work.

Environmental Grantmakers Association **New York, NY** **\$4,000**

The Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) works with foundation members and partners to promote effective environmental philanthropy through knowledge sharing, sparking debate, cultivating leadership and increasing collaboration among funders. Organizational goals include addressing climate change, reducing coal use, increasing energy efficiency, and promoting effective climate solutions. EGA creates opportunities for funders and grantees to network, learn, engage in deeper conversations about approach and strategy, and pool funds for deeper impact.

Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Washington, DC **\$25,000**

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) was founded by a bipartisan Congressional caucus in 1984, and is now an independent organization. EESI maintains

its strong relationship with Congress and serves as a trusted source of credible, non-partisan information on energy and environment solutions. Funding supports efforts to enhance bipartisan support for climate solutions by increasing the Congressional community's understanding of current foreign aid for climate change-related purposes, its impact, and additional benefits of aid in mitigating risk.

Institute on Science for Global Policy **Tucson, AZ** **\$40,000**

The Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP), founded by a former Science Advisor to Secretary of State Colin Powell, encourages rational thinking about science and technology policy. The organization pioneered the development of a new type of international forum. These conferences are designed to provide distinguished scientists and technologists the opportunity to develop science and technology options for addressing geopolitical and security issues. Funding supports efforts to educate policymakers in Virginia and Washington, D.C. about climate change impacts on national security and possible policy solutions.

Peace & Security Funders Group (a project of Fund for Constitutional Government)
Washington, DC **\$3,350**

The Peace and Security Funders Group (PSFG) was founded in 1999 by several large foundations in response to a need for greater communication and collaboration among funders working in the peace and security field. Today, PSFG's network of public, private and family foundations, and individual philanthropists, includes a number of funders working at the nexus of climate, human security, and conflict. With its deep and vast network, PSFG is uniquely placed at the intersection of several critical sectors influential on the 21st century peace and security debate.

PF Pictures (a project of International Documentary Association)
Los Angeles, CA **\$17,650**

PF Pictures has a history of educating and catalyzing movements through film. Funding supports the outreach and dissemination of *Age of Consequences*, a documentary investigating the impacts of climate change on resource scarcity, migration, and conflict through the lens of U.S. security and global stability. Through unflinching case-study analysis, distinguished admirals, generals and military veterans take viewers beyond the headlines of the conflict in Syria, the social unrest of the Arab Spring, the rise of radicalized groups like ISIS, and the European refugee crisis – and lay bare how climate change stressors interact with societal tensions, sparking conflict. The documentary complements policy research, advocacy, and DR Fund convening to educate about climate change as a national security issue.

Protect Our Winters **Boulder, CO** **\$40,000**

Protect Our Winters (POW) brings together professional winter sports athletes, individuals, and winter sports companies to create a social movement on climate that is designed to activate a passionate community and create political will for meaningful action by state and federal policymakers. Winter sports and tourism are multi-billion dollar industries in many of the conservative mountain states, where climate change is having a direct and visible impact. Funding supports efforts to unite and mobilize the

outdoor sports community against climate change, leveraging this community's unique ability to open bipartisan dialogue.

Truman Center for National Policy Washington, DC \$50,000

The Truman Center for National Policy works to transform national policy to reduce the country's dependency on foreign oil, invest in renewable energy, and mitigate the effects of climate change. The Truman Energy Program works to mobilize military veterans, alongside energy experts, to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and decrease the United States' dependency on oil by diversifying the country's domestic energy portfolio. Funding supports the Energy Program in conducting sustained congressional outreach and training and deploying military veterans as climate security messengers in order to persuasively make the clean energy case as a climate change solution.

JUDICIOUS EXCEPTION GRANTS

The Judicious Exception grants program is a flexible pool of funding made available by the Board to respond to urgent requests, unanticipated opportunities, or special needs. These grants may be used to respond, but are not limited, to: the emergence of a singular opportunity to influence public debate or action on a public policy issue relevant to the Fund's program areas; an unforeseen emergency need experienced by a Fund grantee; or an extraordinary funding opportunity identified by the Board or staff.

Center for Court Innovation (a project of the Fund of the City of New York) New York, NY \$9,000

Funding supports The Center for Court Innovation in providing research support and technical assistance to the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform. The Commission is creating a blueprint for transformative reform in New York City by developing a comprehensive strategic plan for continuing to reduce the jail population and sketching a vision of what a new approach to justice might look like.

College & Community Fellowship New York, NY \$20,000

College & Community Fellowship (CCF) and the Education from the Inside Out Coalition are embarking on a Pell Grant Restoration project, which will mobilize grassroots activists nationwide to reinstate incarcerated persons' eligibility for the federal Pell Grant program. Funding supports the design of a new advocacy campaign to restore Pell grants to incarcerated individuals and reduce recidivism rates.

Confluence Philanthropy New York, NY \$1,000

Confluence Philanthropy is a non-profit, membership-based association of foundations, high net worth investors and their investment advisors who collaborate in Mission-Related Investing (MRI), the process of integrating investment strategy with social and/or environmental goals. Confluence's programs translate education and connection into concrete action, by promoting mission alignment through proxy voting, shareholder engagement, program-related investment, screening public equities and private equity investments.

Equal Justice USA Washington, DC \$12,700

In partnership with Witness to Innocence, Equal Justice USA launched #DeathPenaltyFail, a campaign to share nonpartisan information and highlight the inefficiencies of the death penalty in the U.S. Using films, visuals and the stories of exonerees, victim's families and law enforcement, #DeathPenaltyFail is committed to educating people about the social, emotional and financial burdens of the death penalty.

Issue One Washington, DC \$12,500

Issue One is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the power of money in politics by generating a bipartisan reform movement that repositions the problem as the

core civic cause of this era. The Fund participated in a “One Percent for Democracy” tithe, since all three program areas benefit from a more representative, accountable democracy. Issue One believes that such a tithe has the potential for a considerable multiplier effect: every dollar spent on good governance could increase returns on social philanthropy by promoting rational, evidence-based policymaking and public expenditures.

Witness to Innocence Washington, DC \$7,300

In partnership with Equal Justice USA, Witness to Innocence launched #DeathPenaltyFail, a campaign to share nonpartisan information and highlight the inefficiencies of the death penalty in the U.S. Using films, visuals and the stories of exonerees, victim’s families and law enforcement, #DeathPenaltyFail is committed to educating people about the social, emotional and financial burdens of the death penalty.

MICRO-GRANTS

The Micro-Grants Committee consists of rotating family trustees on the board of the DR Fund. Staff distribute time-sensitive grant proposals in between full board meetings to discuss and decide on the approval of small grant recommendations. Grants are then disbursed promptly and administered as normal grants with reporting requirements proportional to their monetary size.

Criteria for proposals is as follows: proposals are from qualified, tax-exempt entities that can administer the grant legally; proposed work advances Board-approved program goals or program learning; proposals address a time-sensitive funding opportunity that cannot wait for spring or fall consideration by the whole DR Fund board; and grants add value beyond the modest dollars allocated by: responding quickly; drawing attention to a timely opportunity; giving life to a novel and potentially impactful idea; and attracting additional donors.

**Beyond Gitmo (a project of New York Foundation for the Arts)
New York, NY \$6,000**

Beyond Gitmo is a photo project that employs images of Guantanamo Bay, former detainees and once-classified documents to reignite a conversation about Guantanamo Bay and explore our common humanity. The project seeks to spur social change by engaging with both the men held at Guantanamo for years without charge or trial and the men and women who held them there.

Center for Constitutional Rights New York, NY \$6,000

Funding supports a partnership with the Beyond Gitmo photo project to carry out two complementary awareness-raising events after the release of the book. This joint funding further supports the photo project, as well as strengthens the Center for Constitutional Rights’ public education efforts around Guantanamo.

Indigenous Environmental Network Bemidji, MN \$6,500

The Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) was formed by indigenous individuals to enhance the capacities of indigenous communities and tribal governments. In the wake of efforts to halt construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, IEN sent 3 of its 4 staff members to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Funding supports the creation of a “hub” of on-the-ground support for protestors.

Inside Circle Foundation San Rafael, CA \$5,000

Inside Circle Foundation (ICF) is dedicated to the personal growth of men in prison. The goal of ICF is to promote behavioral change and create productive environments where incarcerated men can work through and explore the issues that have prevented them from living up to their full potential. Funding supports the production of a film using footage from a four-day intensive retreat to serve as a catalyst for state and federal funding for the program.

Our Children’s Trust Washington, DC \$6,500

Our Children’s Trust, an environmental law nonprofit, is suing the federal government on behalf of 21 teenagers and children who believe the federal government is failing to proactively combat climate change. After a Magistrate Court judge found in the youth’s favor, funding allowed the young plaintiffs to travel to the subsequent U.S. District Court hearing, where the judge allowed the case to proceed toward trial.

**People’s Climate Movement (a project of ALIGN)
New York, NY \$5,000**

Funding supports the dissemination of a powerful graphic tool that visualizes the impact of the People's Climate March. It was created as a way for educators, organizers and activists to ignite conversations about what confronting the climate change crisis truly looks like as well as emphasize "overlapping opposites" and provide people with the space to think through complexities together.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2016

As of July 13, 2017, the audited asset value of The David Rockefeller Fund was \$14,311,866.

Grants paid during 2016, including discretionary grants awarded by individual trustees, totaled \$1,154,175.

| | # of Grants Paid | Amount Paid |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Arts | 14 | \$335,000 |
| Criminal Justice | 12 | \$335,000 |
| Environment | 10 | \$285,000 |
| Judicious Exception | 9 | \$103,200 |
| Micro-Grants | 8 | \$45,975 |
| Trustee Discretionary/Matching | 1 | \$50,000 |
| | | |
| Total | 54 | \$1,154,175 |