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Grantmaking: 2004-2008

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Occidental Arts and Ecology Center 15290 Coleman Valley Road Occidental, CA 95464

Purpose: To support Californians for GE-Free Agriculture's efforts to develop an organized and powerful base of farmers and food processors that refuses to grow and process genetically engineered crops, with a priority on crops that are targeted for commercialization.

Public

Public

Public

60,000

157,500

210,000

Pesticide Action Network North America 49 Powell Street, Suite 500

San Francisco, CA 94102

Purpose: (1) To partner with groups in six states to reframe pesticide exposure as a critical and solvable environmental health problem at the state and national levels; and (2) to support Californians for Pesticide Reform's efforts to partner with groups in six states to reframe pesticide exposure as a critical and solvable environmental health problem at the state and national levels.

Center for Food Safety
666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: (1) To launch the Agricultural Biotechnology Media and Information Center, which will design and implement a media and rapid response strategy for the genetically engineered food and agriculture advocacy community; (2) to organize the second genetically engineered foods strategy meeting in Washington, DC; and (3) to protect human health and the environment by ensuring appropriate testing and regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms.

Subtotal: \$427,500

Farm Worker Pesticide Project 5721 31st Avenue NE

Seattle, WA 98105

Purpose. To partner with groups in six states to reframe pesticide exposure as a critical and solvable environmental health problem at the state and national levels.

Public

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Public

20,000

60,000

165,000

210,000

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center 15290 Coleman Valley Road Occidental, CA 95464

Purpose: To support Californians for GE-Free Agriculture's efforts to achieve state policies that protect farmers and the food supply from the introduction of hazardous genetically engineered crops.

Pesticide Action Network North America 49 Powell Street, Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94102

Purpose: To partner with groups in six states to reframe pesticide exposure as a critical and solvable environmental health problem at the state and national levels using body burden evidence, community monitoring, state campaign activities, and strategic outreach and networking with health-affected groups, health professionals, parents' organizations, and the learning and developmental disabilities communities.

Center for Food Safety 666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302 Washington, DC 20003

Purpose. To ensure appropriate safety testing and regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms as a condition of their commercialization.

Subtotal: \$455,000

Earthjustice Public 35,000

426 17th Street, 6th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Purpose: To seek environmental review and regulation of open-air field tests of genetically engineered crops in Hawaii.

Hawaii SEED Public 25,000

PO Box 2352

Kealakekua, HI 96750

Purpose: To stop the release of genetically engineered Hawaiian commodity crops while furthering research into the environmental and economic damage genetically modified papaya has caused in the islands.

Center for Food Safety Public 210,000

666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: To protect human health and the environment by ensuring appropriate testing and regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms.

Farm Worker Pesticide Project Public 20,000

5031 University Way NE, Room NB3

Seattle, WA 98105

Purpose: In cooperation with Pesticide Action Network North America, to promote policy change and regulatory action in seven states that lead to toxic pesticide phaseouts and use reductions by increasing involvement of health professionals, organizations and health-affected people.

Farmworker Association of Florida Public 15,000

815 South Park Avenue

Apopka, FL 32703

Purpose: In cooperation with Pesticide Action Network North America, to promote policy change and regulatory action in seven states that lead to toxic pesticide phaseouts and use reductions by increasing involvement of health professionals, organizations and health-affected people.

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center Public 60,000

15290 Coleman Valley Road

Occidental, CA 95464

Purpose: To enable Californians for GE-Free Agriculture to educate and organize farmers to resist the commercial introduction of genetically engineered rice.

Pesticide Action Network North America Public 115,000

49 Powell Street, Suite 500

San Francisco, CA 94102

Purpose: (1) In cooperation with state partners, to promote policy change and regulatory action in six states that lead to toxic pesticide phaseouts and use reductions by increasing involvement of health professionals, organizations and health-affected people; and (2) to enable Californians for Pesticide Reform to promote policy change and regulatory action in seven states that lead to toxic pesticide phaseouts and use reductions by increasing involvement of health professionals, organizations and health-affected people.

Subtotal: \$480,000

Center for Food Safety Public 333,000

660 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: (1) To work with a media relations firm to raise public awareness of key issues in relation to genetically engineered food; and (2) to prevent any new permit approvals or commercialization of genetically engineered crops; to contain the crops already approved; to toughen federal and state regulations on genetic engineering; and to ensure that food products already on the market are appropriately labeled.

35,000 Public Earthjustice

426 17th Street, 6th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

Purpose: To compel the US Department of Agriculture to comply with federal environmental laws concerning field testing or commercialization of experimental, genetically engineered crops, particularly "biopharm" crops genetically engineered to produce drugs and industrial compounds; and to seek full public disclosure of information regarding crop tests and test sites.

Public 17,000 Farm Worker Pesticide Project

5031 University Way NE, Room NB3

Seattle, WA 98105

Purpose: To promote regulatory action in Washington State leading toward phaseouts for the most hazardous pesticides.

Farmworker Association of Florida Public 17,000

815 South Park Avenue

Apopka, FL 32703

Purpose: To promote regulatory action in Florida leading toward phaseouts for the most hazardous pesticides.

Hawaii SEED Public 25,000

PO Box 2352

Kealakekua, HI 96750

Purpose: To stop the release of genetically engineered corn and taro in Hawaii, while cleaning up contamination from the release of genetically engineered papaya.

Public 117,000 Pesticide Action Network North America

49 Powell Street, Suite 500

San Francisco, CA 94102

Purpose: (1) To coordinate and lead the State Partnerships to Reduce Pesticide Hazards and Promote Policy Change, which will promote regulatory action in six states leading toward phaseouts for the most hazardous pesticides; and (2) to enable Californians for Pesticide Reform to promote regulatory action in California leading toward phaseouts for the most hazardous pesticides.

Subtotal: \$544,000

Center for Food Safety Public 280,000

660 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: (1) To prevent any new approvals and/or commercialization of genetically engineered crops; prevent patenting of seeds and halt corporate takeover of commercial seeds; contain and reduce the number and uses of genetically engineered crops already approved; promote strict environmental and human health federal and state regulations on genetic engineering; and ensure that genetically engineered food products already on the market are appropriately labeled; and (2) to increase public awareness of the negative impacts of agricultural biotechnology.

Earthjustice Public 35,000

426 17th Street, 6th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Purpose: To support legal work seeking to prohibit the use of food crops in biopharmaceutical production, protect the public's right to know about the locations of potentially harmful biopharm test plots, and phase out open air testing of biopharm crops.

Farm Worker Pesticide Project Public 20,000

5031 University Way NE, Room NB3

Seattle, WA 98105

Purpose: To document health effects related to pesticide exposure and advance policy reforms that protect the health of children and farmers and build toward national comprehensive pesticide policy reform.

Farmworker Association of Florida Public 20,000

815 South Park Avenue

Apopka, FL 32703

Purpose: To document health effects related to pesticide exposure and advance policy reforms that protect the health of children and farmers and build toward national comprehensive pesticide policy reform.

Hawaii SEED Public 25,000

PO Box 2352

Kealakekua, HI 96750

Purpose: To protect Hawaii's environment and farms from the hazards of genetically engineered agriculture by building resistance to Monsanto's corn seed production, expanding farmers' conventional seed exchanges, and protecting papaya, taro and coffee crops from genetically engineered production.

Pesticide Action Network North America Public 122,000

49 Powell Street, Suite 500

San Francisco, CA 94102

Purpose: (1) To assist nonprofit groups in seven states that are documenting health effects related to pesticide exposure and advancing policy reforms that protect the health of children and farmers and build toward national comprehensive pesticide policy reform; and (2) to enable Californians for Pesticide Reform and the Maluia-Waimea Canyon Middle School to document health effects related to pesticide exposure and advance policy reforms that protect the health of children farmers and build toward national comprehensive pesticide policy reform.

Subtotal: \$502,000

2004-2008 TOTAL (all grants): \$2,408,500