John Merck Fund Grantmaking: 1999-2014

FUNDING SUMMARY

GRANTS to CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY/ICTA

Public

50,000

(All grants related to anti-biotechnology campaigns)

1999:	\$ 777,500	1999:	\$	97,500
2000:	\$1,090,000	2000:	\$	125,000
2001:	\$1,510,000	2001:	\$	125,000
2002:	\$1,359,500	2002:	\$	135,000
2003:	\$ 965,000	2003:	\$	155,000
2004:	\$ 592,000	2004:	\$	210,000
2005:	\$ 610,000	2005:	\$	210,000
2006:	\$ 495,000	2006:	\$	210,000
2007:	\$ 618,000	2007:	\$	333,000
2008:	\$ 553,000	2008:	\$	340,000
2009:	\$ 425,000	2009:	\$	225,000
Total:	\$8,995,000	Total:	\$2	2,165,500

1999 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: 990PF

American Corn Growers Foundation

P.O. Box 18157

Washington, DC 20036

Purpose: To explore the production, use and exportation of genetically modified crops and their impact on US corn growers.

Clean Water Fund Public 240,000

76 Summer Street, 6th Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Purpose: (1) To support the New England Clean Power Campaign; (2) to support the Toxic Trash Reduction Project; and (3) to support the Precautionary Principle Project concerning genetically engineered food products.

Foundation on Economic Trends

nds Public 150,000

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 216

Washington, DC 20036

Purpose: To file two federal lawsuits aimed at slowing the current rapid transition to genetically engineered agriculture in the United States.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy Public 80,000

2105 First Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55404-2505

Purpose: To launch a public education program about the potential environmental and public health impacts, as well as the implications for agriculture, of genetically engineered foods.

International Center for Technology Assessment

666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: (1) To support the Center for Food Safety's legal actions against the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration for failures to address adequately public health and ecological concerns stemming from bringing genetically engineered products into the food supply; and (2) to represent the public interest position challenging whether private corporations can hold patents on plant life, in the context of a landmark lawsuit that could have major implications for the genetic engineering industry, and hence for the future of agriculture.

Organic Consumers Association

860 Highway 61

Little Marais, MN 55614

Purpose: To support the Campaign for Food Safety, which will coordinate public education and grassroots organizing activities aimed at reducing the market share of genetically engineered foods.

The Philanthropic Collaborative

5,000

100,000

97,500

2151 Pacific Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94115

Purpose: To support the Funders Working Group on Biotechnology, a network of foundations with biotechnology programs.

Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund

Public

Public

Public

Public

55,000

64 Main Street

Montpelier, VT 05602

Purpose: To support (1) the Vermont Food Biotechnology Project; and (2) the Toxic Sludge

Project.

Subtotal (1999): \$777,500

\$97,500

Grant to Center for Food Safety: Grant to Foundation on Economic Trends:

\$150,000

2000 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: 990-PF

20/20 Vision Education Fund

Public

35,000

1828 Jefferson Place, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Purpose: To support the project on Genetically Modified Foods: Building Grassroots Support for

Strong Protective Policies.

As You Sow

Public

35,000

540 Pacific Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94133

Purpose: To support the Genetically Engineered Food Shareholder Campaign.

Center for Food Safety

125,000 Public

666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose: To support the Legal Campaign on Genetically Engineered Foods.

Center for Public Interest Research

Public

535,000

3435 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90010

Purpose: (1) To support the National Moratorium Campaign on Genetically Engineered Foods; and (2) to support the Genetic Engineering Action Network, USA.

Consumers Union

Public

30,000

101 Truman Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703

Purpose: To support the Project on Genetic Engineering.

Friends of the Earth

Public

25,000.

1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20005

Purpose: To conduct tests on genetically engineered food and to promote consumer labeling of genetically engineered food.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

Public

100,000

2105 First Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55404-2505

Purpose: (1) To support the Public Education Campaigning on Genetically Modified Foods; and (2) to support the Organizational Development Project.

MASSPIRG Education Fund

Public

115,000

29 Temple Place

Boston, MA 02111

Purpose: (1) To support the Moratorium Campaign on Genetically Engineered Foods; and (2) to support the Northeast Clean Power Campaign.

Organic Consumers Association

Public

50,000

6114 Highway 61

Little Marais, MN 55614

Purpose: To expand a nationwide network of consumers who can create market pressure on companies producing genetically engineered foods.

Philanthropic Collaborative

Public

40,000

30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 5600

New York, NY 10112

Purpose: To translate materials regarding biotechnology, genetic engineering and genetically modified organisms from English into Portuguese and Spanish.

Subtotal (2000): \$1,090,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$125,000

2001 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: 990-PF

20/20 Vision Education Fund 1828 Jefferson Place, NW Washington, DC 20036

Purpose (1) To purchase technology to improve the organization's ability to track its effectiveness in reaching the public with information; (2) to educate the public and key policymakers on national missile defense and taking nuclear weapons off alert, using monthly action cards, Internet-based activism, partnerships with faith groups, and field organizing in target regions; and (3) to educate the public and policymakers on labeling of genetically modified foods

100,000

75,000

125,000

620,000

385,000

Public

Public

Public

Public

Public

Business for Social Responsibility Education Fund 609 Mission Street, 2nd Floor

San Francisco, CA 94105-3506

Purpose. To educate selective food sector companies on the environmental, health and social implications of using genetically modified products, and to guide companies that are formulating socially responsible policies in regard to those products

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

Purpose To conduct a comprehensive legal strategy, including litigation and legal petitions directed at federal agencies, designed to address the federal government's continuing failure to regulate biotechnology adequately for the protection of public health and the environment

Center for Public Interest Research 3435 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90010

Purpose (1) To promote a moratorium on the sale of genetically engineered foods until federal regulations require pre-market safety testing, product labeling and corporate liability for damages, (2) to support those organizations and individuals working to address the environmental and human health risks, as well as the socioeconomic and ethical consequences, posed by genetic engineering, and (3) to support the Genetically Engineered Food Alert

Clean Water Fund
76 Summer Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Purpose. (1) To transform the Precautionary Principle from a theory about the safety standards required before introducing technologies and substances into the environment into a set of policies and decision making processes that can be implemented by state governments to protect human health and the environment, (2) to create a visible consumer movement to pressure Shaw's supermarket chain into removing genetically engineered ingredients from their product lines, (3) to improve air quality in New England by reducing pollution from the region's dirtiest coal- and oil-fired power plants, and (4) to coordinate the New England-wide effort to achieve the virtual elimination of mercury emissions in the region by 2010 and prevent human exposure to mercury.

Consumers Union Public 30,000

101 Truman Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703

Purpose. To support the Project on Genetically Engineered Food.

Foundation on Economic Trends Public 100,000

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 216

Washington, DC 20036
Purpose To pursue two lawsuits in federal courts seeking to prevent biotechnology companies from monopolizing the world's supply of agricultural crop seeds, and to establish that genetic material cannot be patented

Green Corps Public 75,000

29 Temple Place Boston, MA 02111

Purpose (1) To support Free the Planet's efforts to educate and engage college students in the public debate on climate change and genetic engineering; and (2) to support the New England Environmental Leadership Training program

Subtotal (2001): \$1,510,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$125,000

2002 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: 990-PF

20/20 Vision Education Project Public 35,000 1828 Jefferson Place, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Purpose. To educate and mobilize members and other citizens to petition the US Department of Agriculture for better regulation of genetically engineered products, including food labeling, and target several big-brand corporations to change their policy on genetically engineered products

American Corn Growers Foundation Public 60,000

1730 M Street, NW, Suite 911

Washington, DC 20036

Purpose: To reduce the number of planted acres of genetically engineered corn by providing objective information to farmers about the many uncertainties that growing such crops present

Center for Food Safety Public 135,000

666 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 302

Washington, DC 20003

Purpose Purpose (1) To ensure appropriate federal regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms, which would include adequate environmental and human health safety testing prior to commercial uses and mandatory labeling of consumer products with genetically engineered contents, and (2) to organize a strategy conference in January 2003 to develop detailed campaign plans for coalition work to address and regulate genetically engineered food

Center for Public Interest Research 3435 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90010

Purpose (1) To protect public health and the environment from the potential threats posed by genetically engineered foods by creating a climate of support favorable to sound public policy solutions, such as testing, mandatory labeling and company liability standards, as well as by serving as a counterweight to the biotechnology industry, (2) to galvanize, support and coordinate strategic grassroots organizing on the issues related to agricultural biotechnology, and (3) to support the New England Climate Project's strong coalition of regional groups from successful power plant, mercury, and acid rain campaigns working to secure sizable and measurable reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from New England sources

Public

430,000

Clean Water Fund Public 290,000

76 Summer Street, 6th Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Purpose. (1) To launch a statewide coalition designed to protect human and environmental health, (2) in collaboration with MASSPIRG Education Fund, to use grassroots organizing, public education and media activities to pressure Shaw's and Star Markets to remove genetically engineered (GE) ingredients from their store brand products, and (3) to achieve the virtual elimination of inercury use and emissions in New England by 2010, thus preventing future human exposures that result in damage to neurological functions

Green Corps Public 60,000

29 Temple Place

Boston, MA 02111

Purpose (1) To involve college students in climate change and genetic engineering campaigns on their campuses, and build the power of students as an organized constituency, and (2) to train at least two full-time aspiring leaders in the skills and strategies they need to launch careers as environmental organizers, provide grassroots support to New England-based campaigns, and inspire trainees and volunteers to deepen their commitment to protecting the environment

Greenpeace Fund Public 50,000

702 H Street, NW, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20001

Purpose To build support for mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, and to build a market for products free of genetically engineered contents by conducting a national campaign to push supermarkets to eliminate them in their store brand lines

MASSPIRG Education Fund Public 50,000

29 Temple Place

Boston, MA 02111

Purpose In collaboration with Clean Water Fund, to use grassroots organizing, public education and media activities to pressure Shaw's and Star Markets to remove genetically engineered ingredients from their store brand products

National Family Farm Coalition Public 75,000

110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 307

Washington, DC 20002

Purpose To halt the introduction of genetically engineered wheat, and shape policies and actions of federal, state and local grain customers, dealers, and farms to prevent the adoption of genetically engineered crops

Organic Consumers Association

6101 Cliff Estate Road

Little Marais, MN 55614

Purpose To reduce the amount of genetically engineered crops grown in the US by creating consumer pressure on businesses not to produce and sell foods and fibers with genetically engineered contents

Union of Concerned Scientists

2 Brattle Square, PO Box 9105

Cambridge, MA 02238

Purpose. To support (1) the New England Clean Energy Rules project; (2) Pharm and Industrial Crops - The Next Generation of Agricultural Biotechnology Products, and (3) the New England Clean Energy Campaign

Subtotal (2002): \$1,359,500

50,000

124,500

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$135,000

Public

Public

2003 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2003

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Institute for S	ocial Eco	ology			\$25,000

To train citizens in Vermont and other New England states to advocate at the local level for restraints on the use of genetically engineered food and agriculture.

American Corn Growers Foundation \$60,000

To reduce the acreage of genetically engineered corn planted in the United States by informing farmers of the problems associated with planting these crops, particularly the market resistance to them.

American Corn Growers Foundation \$50,000

To enable the Soybean Producers of America, a new national association designed to represent progressive soybean farmers, to educate its members about the negative impacts of planting genetically engineered soybean crops.

As You Sow \$35,000

To persuade targeted companies to commit, remove, reduce, or label genetically engineered foods in their product lines pending the results of long-term safety testing.

Californians for GE-Free Agriculture \$60,000

To prevent the full-scale introduction of genetically engineered rice in California by organizing resistance within the farming community and related organizations; and to develop similar campaigns in other crop sectors that may be vulnerable to genetic engineering technology in the state.

Center for Food Safety \$95,000

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. First installment of a two-year, \$190,000 grant.

Center for Food Safety \$60,000

To ensure appropriate federal regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms, which would include adequate environmental and human health safety testing prior to commercial uses and mandatory labeling of consumer products with genetically engineered contents.

Center for Public Interest Research \$200,000 To convince Kraft Foods, the largest food company in the United States and the second largest worldwide, to stop using genetically engineered ingredients in its products, starting with corn; to provide adequate product labeling so that consumers can make informed purchasing choices; and to pledge not to use genetically engineered wheat if it comes to market. **Consumer Policy Institute** \$40,000 To promote bans in California and Texas of crops genetically engineered to produce pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals. First year of a two-year, \$80,000 grant. Friends of the Earth \$50,000 To investigate and publicize instances of food product contamination from crops genetically engineered to produce pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals. **Genetic Engineering Action Network-USA** \$50,000 To galvanize, support and coordinate strategic grassroots organizing related to agricultural biotechnology; assume operation of Greenpeace's True Food Network and supermarket campaign; and participate in the ongoing campaign seeking to prevent commercialization of genetically engineered wheat. **Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy** \$40,000 To prevent the commercialization of genetically engineered wheat in North America, by organizing and surveying state-based grain elevators and transporters, and assisting in obtaining rejection statements from overseas consumers of US wheat. \$40,000 **National Family Farm Coalition** To prevent the commercialization of genetically engineered wheat in North America, by organizing family farmers and facilitating contact between US and Canadian farm groups. \$50,000 **Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA** To prevent the commercialization of genetically engineered wheat in North America, by organizing the national farm community to take positions on its introduction, disseminating information on its potential harmful impacts, and assisting other groups in field testing for contamination of conventional wheat crops. **Union of Concerned Scientists** \$50,000 To persuade the federal government to adopt a zero-contamination standard and accompanying regulations to protect the food supply from crops genetically engineered to produce pharmaceutical and industrial chemicals. **Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project** \$60,000 To create a greater voice for farmers and consumers in decisions about whether to

2004 John Merck Fund Grants

introduce genetically modified wheat.

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2004

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Institute for Social Ecology	\$35,000
To raise awareness in Vermont of the public health and environmental hazards of	
genetically engineered agriculture; promote a moratorium on genetically engineered crops	
in the state; and build momentum in other New England states for similar local campaigns.	

Subtotal (2003): \$965,000

\$155,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety:

Institute for Social Ecology \$30,000

To expand public awareness and increase debate about genetically engineered agriculture in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont through grassroots organizing that educates

communities about municipal bans on growing those crops.

As You Sow Foundation To convince targeted companies to commit to removing, reducing, or labeling genetically engineered foods in their product lines, pending the results of long-term safety testing, through shareholder resolutions.	\$35,000
Californians for GE-Free Agriculture To develop an organized and engaged 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 in California.	\$60,000
Center for Food Safety To protect human health and the environment by ensuring appropriate testing and regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms; and to ensure the consumer's 'right to know' by advocating mandatory labeling of all foods with genetically engineered ingredients.	\$100,000
Center for Food Safety 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. Final installment of a two-year, \$190,000 grant.	\$95,000
Center for Food Safety To organize the second genetically engineered foods strategy meeting in Washington, DC.	\$15,000
Friends of the Earth To investigate and publicize instances of food product contamination and health impacts from crops genetically engineered to produce medicines and chemicals.	\$35,000
National Family Farm Coalition To develop farmer-driven campaigns in rice-producing states to stop the commercial introduction of genetically modified rice varieties, and to develop a grassroots regional campaign in the Northeast modeled after Vermont's Town-to-Town Campaign	\$60,000
Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA To prevent the commercialization of genetically engineered rice in North America and promote food security by opposing the spread of genetically engineered foods and creating sustainable alternatives.	\$50,000
Union of Concerned Scientists To promote the ban of food crops engineered for use as pharmaceutical and industrial chemical products; and to establish federal regulations that protect human health and the environment from the risks of animal biotechnology products. First installment of a two-year, \$130,000 grant.	\$65,000
Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project To conduct a public education tour of national wheat buyers and consumer group representatives in wheat-growing states to discuss concerns about genetically modified wheat.	\$12,000

Subtotal (2004): \$592,000 Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$210,000

2005 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2005

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Institute for Social Ecology To increase public awareness and involvement in genetic engineering debates in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire through grassroots organizing.	\$25,000
National Family Farm Coalition To increase farmer involvement in genetic engineering debates in the Northeast.	\$15,000
As You Sow Foundation To persuade targeted companies to remove, reduce or label genetically engineered ingredients and foods in their product lines pending the results of long-term safety testing; and to increase transparency and public reporting of their testing procedures and results.	\$35,000
Californians for GE-Free Agriculture To achieve state policies in California that protect farmers and the food supply from the introduction of hazardous genetically engineered crops.	\$60,000
Center for Food Safety To ensure appropriate safety testing and regulation of all genetically engineered crops and organisms as a condition of their commercialization.	\$210,000
National Family Farm Coalition To educate farmers about the market and legal risks they incur in growing genetically engineered crops, with an emphasis on rice growers; and to counter industry-backed efforts to preempt emerging state or local policies that limit genetically engineered agriculture.	\$60,000
Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA To oppose the spread of genetically engineered agriculture and promote sustainable alternatives.	\$50,000
Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment To ensure the health and safety of consumers and the environment by engaging various corporations in developing prudent policies and procedures regarding genetically engineered foods.	\$30,000
Union of Concerned Scientists To promote the ban of food crops engineered for use as pharmaceutical and industrial chemical products; and to establish federal regulations that protect human health and the environment from the risks of animal biotechnology products. Final installment of a two-year, \$130,000 grant.	\$65,000
Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project To stop the introduction of genetically modified crops into commercial markets and the environment.	\$60,000

Subtotal (2005): \$610,000
Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$210,000

2006 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2006

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Californians	for GE-Free A	\ariculture
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\$60,000

To educate and organize farmers to resist the commercial introduction of genetically engineered rice.

Center for Food Safety

\$210,000

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

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

\$35,000

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

Hawaii SEED

\$25,000

To stop the release of genetically engineered Hawaiian commodity crops, such as taro and coffee, while furthering research into the environmental and economic damage genetically modified papaya has caused on the islands.

National Family Farm Coalition

\$30,000

To increase collaboration among rice producers and their trade associations to stop the commercialization of genetically engineered rice; and to develop a public education and media campaign to increase farmer awareness of the negative impacts of using genetically engineered alfalfa.

Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA

\$50,000

To promote food security and justice by opposing the spread of genetically engineered foods and creating sustainable alternatives.

Union of Concerned Scientists

\$60,000

To secure a ban on engineered food crops for pharmaceutical and industrial purposes, and to strengthen the overall biotechnology regulatory framework by fostering greater accountability in federal agency reviews of new products. First installment of a two-year, \$120,000 grant.

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

\$25,000

To stop the introduction and further planting of genetically modified crops until potential environmental, economic and health problems can be assessed and remedied.

Subtotal (2006): \$495,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$210,000

2007 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2007

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Center for Food Safety

\$63,000

To work with a media relations firm to raise public awareness of key issues in relation to genetically engineered food.

Center for Food Safety

\$210,000

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.

Center for Food Safety To increase public awareness of the negative impacts of agricultural biotechnology by retaining the services of Goodman Media International, a leading national media relations firm based in New York City.	\$60,000
Earthjustice 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.	\$35,000
Farmers' Legal Action Group To research, write, produce and widely distribute a new edition of the Farmers' Guide to GMOs, which in its original edition became a reliable, accessible, and independent source of information for family farmers and the progressive agricultural community as they grapple with the legal, commercial and scientific consequences of genetically modified organisms on the nation's farms.	\$20,000
Hawaii SEED To stop the release of genetically engineered corn and taro in Hawaii, while cleaning up contamination from the release of the genetically engineered papaya.	\$25,000
National Family Farm Coalition To stop the commercialization of genetically engineered rice, and to increase farmer awareness of Monsanto and Syngenta's growing monopoly on farm crop seeds.	\$40,000
Rural Advancement Foundation International- USA To expose the substantial economic and legal risks that genetically engineered crops impose on farmers and rural communities, and demonstrate the benefits of growing conventional crops, particularly when they are organic.	\$50,000
Rural Vermont To retain a conflict resolution specialist to facilitate a series of constructive conversations among Vermont farmers who differ in their opinions on genetic engineering issues.	\$25,000
Union of Concerned Scientists To secure a ban on engineered food crops for use as pharmaceutical and industrial purposes, and identify opportunities to strengthen the overall biotechnology regulatory framework by fostering greater accountability in federal agency reviews of new products.	\$60,000

Subtotal (2007): \$618,000
Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$333,000

\$30,000

2008 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2008

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

To stop the introduction and further planting of genetically modified crops until potential environmental, economic and health problems can be assessed and remedied

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Center for Food Safety \$90,000

To increase public awareness of the negative impacts of agricultural biotechnology by retaining the services of Goodman Media International, a leading national media relations firm based in New York City.

Center for Food Safety \$250,000

To prevent any new approvals and/or commercialization of GE crops; prevent patenting of seeds and halt corporate takeover of commercial seeds; contain and reduce the number and uses of GE crops already approved; promote strict environmental and human health federal and state regulations on genetic engineering; and ensure that GE food products already on the market are appropriately labeled. And to work with New York-based Goodman Media International to increase public awareness of the impacts of agricultural biotechnology.

Earthjustice \$35,000

To support legal working 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.

Hawaii SEED \$25,000

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.

Maluia Waimea Canyon Middle School \$10,000

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

National Family Farm Coalition \$50,000

To organize farmers and farm groups to ensure that no new genetically engineered crop varieties are commercialized, and to continue state-based policy initiatives to make manufacturers instead of farmers liable for economic harm that contamination from those varieties cause.

Physicians for Social Responsibility Oregon Chapter \$30,000

To organize consumer opposition to Monsanto's proposals that states prohibit dairy producers and distributors from advertising that they do not use milk with recombinant bovine growth hormone.

Rural Vermont \$8,000

To convene at least four additional facilitated meetings among the nine farmers in the "Tough Talks" process, resulting in a unanimously agreed upon strategy for addressing the GMO issue in Vermont.

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project \$55,000

To stop the introduction or additional planting of genetically modified (GM) wheat and alfalfa until environmental, economic and health questions about the release of these plants can be answered and potential problems addressed.

Subtotal (2008): \$553,000 rants to Center for Food Safety: \$340,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$340,0

2009 John Merck Fund Grants

SOURCE: http://jmfund.org/environment.php?year=2009

Genetically Engineered Food and Agriculture

Center for Food Safety \$225,000

To prevent any new approvals and/or commercialization of genetically engineered crops and contain the crops already approved by promoting strict environmental and human health federal and state regulations on genetic engineering, including mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food products already on the market; and to prevent monopolies on the global seed supply by opposing patents on seeds and corporate takeovers of seed companies.

National Family Farm Coalition

To advocate within the USDA's agricultural biotechnology rulemaking process for an appropriate balance between the interests of farmers and the environment and those of the biotech industry; and to educate and organize farmers through the new Farmers Rights, Farmers Choice Campaign.

Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA

To maintain 'certified organic' as a credible GE-free label; create a regulatory framework that recognizes the economic harm to farmers and rural communities from contamination by genetically engineered crops; and protect the right and capacity of farmers to grow non-GE varieties.

Union of Concerned Scientists

To promote a resilient agriculture system based on sustainable practices rather than one focused entirely on short-term productivity by: seeking a federal ban on the outdoor production of pharmaceutical and industrial crops; strengthening the regulatory framework for all agricultural biotechnology products; and assessing the role genetically engineered products and sustainable practices play in confronting the looming crises of global warming and food scarcity.

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

To attempt to stop commercial introduction and any further planting of genetically modified crops, specifically alfalfa and wheat, until environmental, economic and health questions about the release of these plants into the environment can be answered and potential problems addressed.

Subtotal (2009): \$425,000

Grants to Center for Food Safety: \$225,000

\$25,000

\$35,000

\$85,000

\$55,000