

**patients>>** Involuntary exposure>> routes of exposure>>ingestion, inhalation, dermal,

conjunctival. **Toxicity>>**ability of a chemical to damage an organ system, disrupt a

biochemical process, or to disturb an enzyme system. **prevent>>** Exposure>>actual

contact person has had with a chemical, ie: one time, short term and long term. Hazardous

chemical exposures are often involuntary. **promote>>** Toxicology>>the study of the

adverse effects of chemical or physical agents in living organisms. **public>>** A chemical

plant operates on the outskirts of town, on s edge. It operates 24 hours a day and

has two large smoke stacks. Community members observe several tanker trucks with

hazardous materials placards arriving at the plant on a regular basis. **protect>>** There

are also railroad tanker cars that deliver Chlorine gas to the plant. Next to the chemical plant

is an abandoned industrial site. Fifty-five gallon drums have been left next to one of the

outbuildings. **provoke>>** Young boys from the neighborhood ride their bikes on this

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site. **potential>>** In the town of Millsville, there are three factories with smoke stack

emissions and one medical waste incinerator. **pollution>>** Within 50 miles of two cities

and on hot summer days, the air is laden with smog. One out of every 6 children in the

grammar school has asthma. The school is old (built around 1960), and the windows have

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**provoke>>** stimulate change, achieve results. Serious times require serious action. The Beldon Fund helps strengthen organizations leading the way--exposing the link between environmental contaminants and human health, and forging savvy, pro-environment coalitions in a handful of key states. These groups awaken the environmental majority, showing them the path from silence to action, and giving strength to their voice and commitment - a deeply rooted American ethic of environmental protection.

>>What provokes you?



**our vision>>** A planet with healthy people living in healthy ecosystems.

LETTER>> FROM THE  
PRESIDENT  
JOHN R. HUNTING



*These are grim times for the environmental movement. Much like the fox being put in charge of the hen house, corporate polluters have gained unprecedented influence over the White House, Congress and Administration.*

*While the environmental movement has recently achieved a few hard fought victories, it has also suffered a number of painful defeats. Just as an arrogant administration has rolled over international laws in its conquest of Iraq, so has it shown similar intentions to do the same in its “war on nature.”*

- *The clean air and clean water policies that protect the public are being severely weakened.*
- *Standards that limit our exposure to toxic chemicals are being systematically dismantled.*
- *Millions of acres of public land that were legally placed off-limits to the timber industry are now being opened to clear cutting – probably including half of the remaining redwood forests.*
- *By redefining “wetlands” millions of these nourishing acres are now open to development.*
- *Energy policy is now being written by a cabal of corporate executives from the extractive industry under the direction of vice-president Cheney.*
- *Even more dangerous, this administration has shown a total disregard for the most serious threat to humankind - global warming. As the scientific information pours in, this administration chooses to ignore all signs of an oncoming world-wide disaster.*

*Under such circumstances, we at the Beldon Fund provoke and support as best we can with the resources we have at our disposal. We continue to support organizations which carry the fight to the polluting corporations through our human health and the environment program and we continue to strengthen the environmental movement in our five key states.*

*We are also increasing our effectiveness by co-operating with other like-minded foundations - as well as urging all foundations to support grass roots advocacy.*

*To do all of this work, the Beldon Fund is fortunate in having in place a skilled, hard working and dedicated staff. I am grateful for the unique contributions made by each member and especially for the solid steady leadership of Bill Roberts, our Executive Director. Finally, I again wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their invaluable contributions of time and wisdom in guiding the foundation. They are all much appreciated.*

*Yes, these are indeed grim times. But I believe that by continuing to educate the public, the Beldon Fund will play an important role in reversing the current “war on nature.”*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Hunting".

**“under such circumstances>> we at the Beldon Fund provoke and support as best we can with the resources we have at our disposal.”**

MESSAGE>> FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS



*It is clear that the environmental community faces an uphill battle in the coming year. So, what do we do about it? As a starting point, we need to remember that the American public hasn't walked away from their commitment to environmental protection. Cutting across all geographic, demographic and ideological slices of America, overwhelming majorities support equal or stronger environmental protections, not rollbacks.*

*It's also important to remember that the ultimate source of strength in the environmental movement is its ability to link the public's unwavering support for the environment to the policy-makers responsible for its stewardship. Unless policymakers feel the hard edge of public disapproval, they will continue to wreak havoc on three decades of environmental progress.*

*And, we need to forge this link at a time when the public is distracted by everything from the war in Iraq to a faltering economy to the next episode of Fear Factor.*

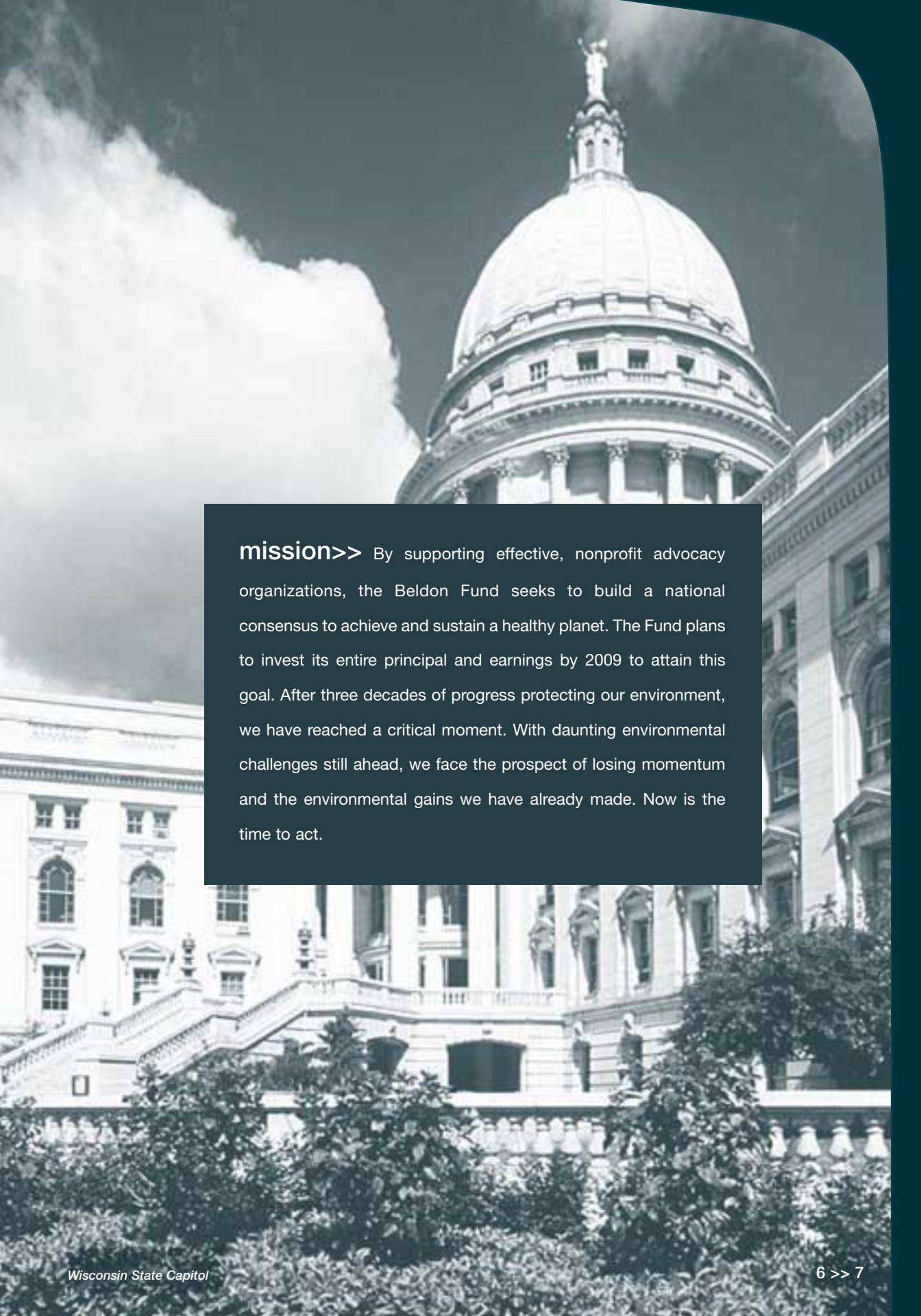
*To get from here to there, the Beldon Fund continues to target its grantmaking in highly focused ways. We provide grants to groups in a small handful of states that have a proven impact on the contours of national environmental policy. We also focus on the strong relationship between environmental damage and human health, because we know that however much members of the public care about the environment, they care even more about the health of their own families. And, we look for a number of opportunistic grants in our Discretionary Fund to foster a greater civic ethic between those supporting the environment and their policymakers.*

*Our work in our Key States, Human Health and the Environment programs, and in our Discretionary Fund, combined with the ongoing work of our colleagues in the Environmental Grantmakers Association, gives us a roadmap to stop the rollbacks and, ultimately, put us back on the path toward improving, rather than worsening, the environment.*

*Like most foundations, we have struggled to meet investment targets in a difficult market. But, fortunately, the Beldon Fund board has authorized grantmaking in 2003 at the same level as 2002. Whether we can maintain that level of support beyond 2003 is unclear, but we will do our best to balance our investment objectives against the need to respond to real world environmental threats.*

*To help grantseekers, we've added a new feature to our web site – called Quick Quiz -- that will help an organization figure out whether there is a good fit between its work and Beldon's current priorities, simply by answering a series of questions ([www.beldon.org](http://www.beldon.org)). Of course, establishing a potential fit does not guarantee funding, but we hope this new tool will provide a clearer description of our grantmaking objectives. Even for current grantees, this tool is a great way to track changes in strategic focus at the foundation. Let us know what you think!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.J. Roberts". The signature is stylized and cursive.

A black and white photograph of the Wisconsin State Capitol building. The central focus is the large, ornate dome topped with a statue. The building's facade features classical architectural elements like columns and arched windows. In the foreground, there are lush green bushes and a set of wide stone steps leading up to the entrance. The sky is bright with some clouds.

**mission>>** By supporting effective, nonprofit advocacy organizations, the Beldon Fund seeks to build a national consensus to achieve and sustain a healthy planet. The Fund plans to invest its entire principal and earnings by 2009 to attain this goal. After three decades of progress protecting our environment, we have reached a critical moment. With daunting environmental challenges still ahead, we face the prospect of losing momentum and the environmental gains we have already made. Now is the time to act.

**Human Health and the Environment program>>** seeks

to add new, powerful voices to promote a national consensus on the environment and to activate the public on issues that matter to people in a deeply personal and potent way.



**Key States program>>** focuses on particular states where the power of a growing, energized consensus for environmental protection can be organized and brought to bear on public policy and policy makers.





## Human Health and the Environment

### NEW ADVOCATES

The goal of the Human Health and the Environment program is simple: to eliminate the distinction most people make between their personal health and environmental health, using important new scientific information, public education and organizing.

#### REVEAL

Emerging science is showing us that everyday exposure to contaminants in our air, water, and food are leaving long-lasting, and sometimes permanent, toxic residues in our bodies, residues that may cause harmful health effects. For example, a study, led by Beldon Fund grantee Center for Children's Health and the Environment in partnership with Environmental Working Group (EWG) and Commonweal, tested nine individuals for the presence of 210 chemicals. The blood and urine of those tested contained an average of 91 potentially harmful chemical compounds, most of which did not even exist 75 years ago.

#### BROADCAST

This dramatic and fast-paced change in science is outstripping many advocates' ability to keep up. To help, Environmental Media Services is collaborating with other Beldon

grantees to translate new scientific findings into understandable information made accessible to the national news media, advocates, and the general public.

#### ORGANIZE

As the distinction between environmental exposures and personal health fades, members of the public will turn not only to environmental advocates, but also to their personal physicians for advice and counsel. It is critical, therefore, that we support efforts to engage those in the health care field. Physicians for Social Responsibility, for example, is deploying organizers and advocates from the health care field with ready-made credibility to fight for revisions to the nation's policies governing chemical manufacture and use.

Within the next decade, the links between environmental exposures and personal health will become increasingly clear, partly due to emerging science, partly due to the active engagement of health professionals, and partly due to the tireless efforts of advocacy groups. The Beldon Fund is committed to help each of these efforts.



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NEXT 1/2 MILE



## Key States>>

Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Wisconsin

### FLORIDA

Florida advocates have been under-resourced, under-staffed and out-manuevered as they have sought to transform strong public support for “green” issues into enforceable public policies. In 2002, after nearly a year of research and consultation, and working closely with Florida activists and foundations, the Beldon Fund launched an aggressive strategic grantmaking program to strengthen the hand of Florida environmentalists.

The Beldon Fund is collaborating with other funders to support the newly formed Florida Conservation Alliance Institute (FCAI), modeled on the state voter conservation league education funds that are forming in many states. The mission of FCAI is to nurture and sustain an effective statewide movement to protect Florida’s environment through public education and strategic civic engagement.

At the same time, nearly a dozen statewide water advocacy groups are together developing a multi-year issue campaign to educate and engage residents, policy makers, and the media about growing threats to the state’s dwindling and contaminated water

supplies. Current Beldon grantees Florida Earthjustice, Florida Public Interest Research Group, Florida Clean Water Network, Florida Wildlife Federation and the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation lead the effort. The coalition is already hard at work in Tallahassee repelling attempts to roll back clean water protections and inciting widespread support for better protections.

Both new Florida organizations are using state-of-the-art organizing, targeting, communications and educational tools to bring a stronger, more unified voice to the environmental policy debate. As in the other Beldon Fund Key States -- North Carolina, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan -- we are proud to be working in partnership with our fellow funders and grantees to build “green power.”

# 2002 GRANTS LIST

## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### Environmental Justice

#### INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

A project of Community Networking Resources, Albuquerque, New Mexico. A grant to Community Networking Resources recommended for its project the Indigenous Environmental Network, which sponsors the Native Youth Program.

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<i>Bemidji, MN</i>	\$75,000.00	1 Year
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#### SOUTHWEST NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

A project of Community Networking Resources, Albuquerque, New Mexico. A grant to Community Networking Resources recommended for its project the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice, which sponsors the Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Project.

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<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### SOUTHWEST PUBLIC WORKERS' UNION

A project of Centro por la Justicia, San Antonio, Texas. A grant to Centro por la Justicia recommended for its project the Southwest Public Workers' Union, which sponsors the Youth Leadership Organization.

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<i>San Antonio, TX</i>	\$25,000.00	1 Year
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#### YOUTH UNITED FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

A project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, California. A grant to The Tides Center for its project Youth United for Community Action, which sponsors the Fighting Injustice and Regulating Equality Fellowship Program to train diverse young people of color as leaders and organizers for environmental justice in California.

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<i>East Palo Alto, CA</i>	\$50,000.00	2 Years
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### Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals



#### CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION

A grant to Citizens' Environmental Coalition for its Right to Know Environmental Hazards Project to build new advocates for right-to-know policies, toxic use reduction and good neighbor agreements.

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<i>Albany, NY</i>	\$40,000.00	1 Year
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## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### CITIZENS POLICY CENTER

A grant to Citizens Policy Center to support its 'good neighbor' campaign to mobilize, through citizen monitoring and outreach, affected citizenry to advocate for pollution reductions at the local and state levels.

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<i>Cleveland, OH</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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### COLUMBIA CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

A grant to the Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York recommended for its support of its project the Center for Children's Environmental Health, to support the translation, dissemination, and application to advocacy of landmark research on the health effects of environmental pollutants on pregnant women and children.

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<i>New York, NY</i>	\$150,000.00	3 Years
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### COMING CLEAN COLLABORATION

A project of Women's Voices for the Earth, Missoula, Montana. A grant to Women's Voices for the Earth recommended for its project the Coming Clean Collaboration to coordinate and incubate policy efforts and campaigns among a diverse array of groups and individuals seeking to change the way chemicals are produced and regulated in this country.

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<i>Missoula, MT</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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### COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

A general support grant to Communities for a Better Environment to provide local communities with the tools to fight toxic health threats.

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<i>Oakland, CA</i>	\$75,000.00	1 Year
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### ECOLOGY CENTER

A grant to the Ecology Center in support of its environmental health project to eliminate persistent bioaccumulative toxins in the auto, health care, and chemical industries.

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<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>	\$40,000.00	1 Year
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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION

A general support grant to help residents of the border region of San Diego to expose the links between exposure to environmental toxics and human health and to advocate for local, state and national environmental protections.

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<i>San Diego, CA</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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### ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Environmental Research Foundation to inform community-based activists, journalists, government officials, health affected groups, and medical professionals about the relationship between human health and environmental deterioration, and innovative policies to remedy these problems.

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<i>New Brunswick, NJ</i>	\$50,000.00	2 Years
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## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals

#### ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

A grant to the Environmental Working Group to support its Toxic Chemical Policy Project, which includes use of body burden data and toxic tort organizing to reduce human exposure to toxic chemicals.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$200,000.00	1 Year
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#### LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE

A general support grant to Louisiana Bucket Brigade for its work to provide air quality monitoring tools to communities adjacent to petrochemical plants in Louisiana.

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<i>New Orleans, LA</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### MINNESOTA CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

A grant to the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy to support its Children's Environmental Health Initiative.

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<i>Saint Paul, MN</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE

A grant to the Natural Resources Council of Maine to support its 'Clean Maine, Healthy Communities Project: Increasing Awareness of and Reducing Exposure to Toxic Chemicals.'

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<i>Augusta, ME</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

A grant to the Ohio Environmental Council to support outreach to public health officials as part of its Factory Farm Enforcement Project - Part II.

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<i>Columbus, OH</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### OHIO VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION

A general support grant to the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition in support of its various programs, including grassroots organizing and leadership development and its efforts to halt mountaintop removal strip mining.

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<i>Huntington, WV</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### TEXAS FUND FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A grant to Texas Fund for Energy and Environmental Education for its Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition Refinery Reform Program to use community monitoring efforts to increase awareness about the impacts of toxic oil refinery pollution on public health, and to involve and train people to take action to monitor and prevent this pollution.

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<i>Austin, TX</i>	\$25,000.00	1 Year
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#### US PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP EDUCATION FUND

A grant to US Public Interest Research Group Education Fund for its Environmental Health Program to increase the public's right to know about the use and release of industrial chemicals.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$200,000.00	2 Years
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## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### New Advocates



#### AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION

A project of American Nurses Foundation, Washington, DC. A grant to the American Nurses Foundation recommended for its support of the American Nurses Association and its RN No Harm Project to engage nurses as advocates for environmental health within the hospital setting and in the community.

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*Washington, DC*

**\$200,000.00**

**2 Years**

#### BREAST CANCER ACTION

A general support grant to Breast Cancer Action for its efforts to promote public dialogue on the links between man-made toxins and the breast cancer epidemic, and to advocate use of the precautionary principle in decisions affecting public health.

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*San Francisco, CA*

**\$75,000.00**

**1 Year**

#### BREAST CANCER FUND

A grant to the Breast Cancer Fund to support its Environmental Health Initiative, an advocacy effort to expose and eliminate the preventable environmental causes of breast cancer.

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*San Francisco, CA*

**\$50,000.00**

**1 Year**

#### CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

A grant to Mount Sinai School of Medicine recommended for its support of its project the Center for Children's Health and the Environment, which sponsors the Reduction of Children's Exposure to Pesticides project, a program of policy development and advocacy on behalf of children's health.

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*New York, NY*

**\$150,000.00**

**2 Years**

#### CENTER FOR HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND JUSTICE

A grant to Center for Health, Environment and Justice for its project, Child Proofing Our Communities, a national healthy schools campaign.

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*Falls Church, VA*

**\$200,000.00**

**2 Years**

#### CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A grant to the Children's Environmental Health Network for its project 'Augmenting Minority Health Professional Participation in Children's Health Concerns and Policy.'

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*Washington, DC*

**\$150,000.00**

**2 Years**

## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### New Advocates

#### COMMUNITY TOOLBOX FOR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

A project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, California. A grant to The Tides Center for its project Community Toolbox for Children's Environmental Health, which provides organizing and support services to community-based groups working to protect children in areas disproportionately impacted by environmental health threats.

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<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES OF NEW YORK

A general support grant to support Environmental Advocates of New York's various programs, including coalition building, citizen education, and policy analysis with a focus on environmental health.

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<i>Albany, NY</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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#### ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA SERVICES

A grant to Environmental Media Services to develop a Scientists Support Network to train, support and expand the number of medical experts and scientists ready to speak out on issues of environmental health.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$75,000.00	1 Year
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#### GENERATION GREEN FUND

A grant to Generation Green Fund to support its Illinois Healthy Schools Campaign, a statewide coalition that is advocating for a comprehensive policy and coordinated agenda to ensure that schools are healthy environments.

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<i>Evanston, IL</i>	\$40,000.00	1 Year
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#### HEALTH CARE WITHOUT HARM

A project of Environmental Health Fund, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. A grant to Environmental Health Fund recommended for its support of Health Care Without Harm, a collaborative effort led by environmental activists, health care providers, and health affected groups to eliminate toxic chemicals from health care products.

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<i>Jamaica Plain, MA</i>	\$150,000.00	1 Year
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#### INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

A project of The Tides Center, Washington, DC. A grant to The Tides Center recommended for its support of its Institute for Children's Environmental Health project, which sponsors the Fall of 2002 Partnership for Children's Health and the Environment Meeting.

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<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$15,000.00	1 Year
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#### KEEP ANTIBIOTICS WORKING

A grant to Environmental Defense recommended for its support of its project Keep Antibiotics Working, a campaign to end antibiotic overuse.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$100,000.00	1 Year
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## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### New Advocates

#### LYMPHOMA FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

A grant to Lymphoma Foundation of America for its Pesticides Research Project and to distribute and advocate around the report 'Do Pesticides Cause Lymphoma?'

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<i>Arlington, VA</i>	\$20,000.00	1 Year
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#### MARYLAND PESTICIDE NETWORK

A project of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Washington, DC. A grant to Physicians for Social Responsibility recommended for its project the Maryland Pesticide Network to monitor the compliance of existing Integrated Pest Management laws in schools, educate professionals and other stakeholders about pesticide poisoning, and create a system for tracking pesticide injuries.

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<i>Annapolis, MD</i>	\$40,000.00	1 Year
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#### NATIONAL BLACK ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK

A project of Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, Detroit, Michigan. A grant to Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice recommended for its project the National Black Environmental Justice Network and its Healthy and Safe Communities Campaign, raising broader awareness within African-American communities of the connection between pollution and poor health.

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<i>Detroit, MI</i>	\$150,000.00	1 Year
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#### NEW JERSEY WORK ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

A general support grant to New Jersey Work Environment Council in support of its various programs, including its Healthy School Environments and Right-to-Know projects.

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<i>Trenton, NJ</i>	\$100,000.00	2 Years
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#### OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

A grant to Oregon Environmental Council to support its Healthy Environment Initiative, which organizes health professionals to advocate for policies and programs that will reduce pollutants that adversely impact human health.

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<i>Portland, OR</i>	\$100,000.00	2 Years
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#### PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A grant to Physicians for Social Responsibility for its Environment and Health Program to build a strong, effective and vocal constituency of physicians and health care providers who are active in environmental health policy.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$200,000.00	2 Years
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#### SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A grant to the Science and Environmental Health Network for its project Science Analysis and Direction for the Collaborative on Health and the Environment.

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<i>Ames, IA</i>	\$25,000.00	1 Year
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## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### New Advocates

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING

A project of University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Baltimore, Maryland. A grant to University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation recommended for its support of the University of Maryland School of Nursing Environmental Health Education Center, which sponsors the 'Building Environmental Health Advocacy Capacity in the Nursing Community' project.

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<i>Baltimore, MD</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### WASHINGTON TOXICS COALITION

A general support grant to Washington Toxics Coalition to support its various programs, including its Toxic-Free Legacy Campaign to address persistent bioaccumulative toxics.

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<i>Seattle, WA</i>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### WEST HARLEM ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

A grant to West Harlem Environmental Action for its Environmental Health Leadership Campaign to enlist new advocates into the movement to reduce human exposure to toxics.

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<i>New York, NY</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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## KEY STATES



#### CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH

To support the work of PIRG organizations based in Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina and Wisconsin in order to deepen each state's ability to deliver effective, results-oriented advocacy on critical environmental issues, through the Center for Public Interest Research's State Action for a Clean and Healthy Environment project.

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<i>Boston, MA</i>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year.</b>
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#### SUSTAIN

A grant to Sustain for its Midwest Communications Initiative to provide media and communications services to Beldon grantees in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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<i>Chicago, IL</i>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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## KEY STATES

### Florida

#### CLEAN WATER NETWORK

A project of Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York. A grant to Natural Resources Defense Council for its project the Clean Water Network Florida Clean Water Campaign. To continue organizing and advocacy for clean water policies in Florida.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### EARTHJUSTICE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

A grant to EarthJustice Legal Defense Fund to support its Florida Sustainable Waters Program to ensure that Florida's environmental community and its local networks have access to skilled legal talent to enforce current clean water regulations.

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<i>Oakland, CA</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### FEDERATION OF STATE CONSERVATION VOTER LEAGUES

A project of League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Washington, DC. A grant to League of Conservation Voters Education Fund recommended for its support of the efforts of Federation of State Conservation Voters Leagues to help establish and strengthen state conservation voter leagues in Florida and around the country.

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<i>Seattle, WA</i>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A grant to Florida Wildlife Federation for its Constituent Advocacy project, an effort to organize business owners, recreational users and outdoor sport enthusiasts in South Florida.

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<i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### LEGAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation in support of its environmental advocacy and education programs in Florida.

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<i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### Michigan

#### ARAB COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A grant to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services for its Environmental Program to protect the environmental health of communities in Southeast Michigan.

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<i>Dearborn, MI</i>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### MAURICE AND JANE SUGAR LAW CENTER

A grant to the Maurice and Jane Sugar Law Center to support its Environmental Justice Project Community Education and Training Program to increase the number of trained community leaders capable of identifying and organizing residents to mount strategies to protect the environmental health of their neighborhoods and to support statewide environmental advocacy efforts.

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<i>Detroit, MI</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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## KEY STATES

### Michigan

#### NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A grant to the National Wildlife Federation for its Clean the Rain State Mercury Project in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### Minnesota

#### CLEAN WATER FUND

A grant to Clean Water Fund to support its Strategic Planning and Development Initiatives 2002 project to develop the organization's grassroots capacity and to build an in-house opinion research capacity for Minnesota and the region's environmental advocates.

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<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### CLEAN WATER FUND

A project support grant to Clean Water Fund to support its organizing and state based advocacy efforts in Minnesota.

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<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

A grant to National Audubon Society to support Audubon Minnesota's Birds to Ballots capacity-building project to seed a 'policy director' position within the organization to ensure that the state's 13 Audubon chapters remain engaged in public policy work and remain active members of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership.

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<i>New York, NY</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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### New Mexico \*

#### AMIGOS BRAVOS

A general support grant to Amigos Bravos to carry out public education, cross-cultural outreach, and organizing activities in Albuquerque to protect traditional rural water rights and water quality for the Middle Rio Grande.

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<i>Taos, NM</i>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

A general support grant to New Mexico Environmental Law Center to provide representation and other legal services to elevate the public discussion of environmental issues and to assist environmental justice organizations in their efforts to protect community health and safety.

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<i>Santa Fe, NM</i>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

A grant to the Western Environmental Law Center for its New Mexico Land Use Initiative, an effort to work collaboratively with residents in selected New Mexican counties to envision, enact, and defend local land use ordinances.

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<i>Taos, NM</i>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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\*New Mexico is no longer one of the Beldon Fund Key States.

## KEY STATES

### North Carolina

#### CATAWBA RIVERKEEPER FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation to support its efforts to preserve, protect, and restore the Catawba River, including increasing staffing and expanding its volunteer network.

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<i>Charlotte, NC</i>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### EARTH SHARE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A general support grant to Earth Share of North Carolina to expand the North Carolina environmental community's access to new funding through increased workplace giving.

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<i>Durham, NC</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS ASSOCIATION

A project of the Rockefeller Family Fund, New York, New York A grant to the Rockefeller Family Fund recommended for its project the Environmental Grantmakers Association, which sponsors the EGA 2002 Fall Retreat.

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<i>New York, NY</i>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION

A grant to North Carolina Coastal Federation to support expansion of the Cape Hatteras CoastKeeper program and engage a greater number of communities along the state's coast in public education and advocacy that will result in stronger enforcement of clean water laws in the region and the state.

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<i>Newport, NC</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK

A grant to North Carolina Conservation Network for its Legacy Project to increase the organization's high donor and event revenue, and diversify its foundation support.

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<i>Raleigh, NC</i>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK

A grant to North Carolina Conservation Network for its project, 'Collective long-term planning among North Carolina statewide conservation advocacy organizations.'

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<i>Raleigh, NC</i>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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#### PAMLICO-TAR RIVER FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Pamlico-Tar River Foundation to support a partnership with the Neuse River Foundation to advocate for protecting and cleaning up two of the largest watersheds in the state and for stronger enforcement of current clean water laws in North Carolina.

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<i>Washington, NC</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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#### SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION

A grant to Sierra Club Foundation to provide continued support to the North Carolina Chapter's Clean Water Campaign to fight dangerous pollution from hog farms in North Carolina and to advocate for stronger clean water laws in the state.

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<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
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## KEY STATES

### Wisconsin

#### MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES

A general support grant to Midwest Environmental Advocates to support its various programs, including the Impact Litigation program, which reaches out to pro-bono lawyers and environmental groups to make the link from litigation to environmental advocacy.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$300,000.00	3 Years
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#### RIVER ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN

A general support grant to River Alliance of Wisconsin to increase the number of locally based river advocates trained to be active in public policy debates on healthy waters for Wisconsin.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$150,000.00	2 Years
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#### WISCONSIN CITIZEN ACTION FUND

A general support grant to Wisconsin Citizen Action Fund to increase and diversify the advocacy capacity of the state's environmental community by ensuring participation of a multi-issue and multi-constituency organization in ongoing coalition work.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$160,000.00	2 Years
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#### WISCONSIN CONSERVATION VOTERS INSTITUTE

A project of 1000 Friends of Wisconsin Land Use Institute, Madison, Wisconsin. A grant to 1000 Friends of Wisconsin Land Use Institute recommended for its support of the efforts of the Wisconsin Conservation Voters Institute to educate and engage voters on environmental issues.

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<i>Watertown, WI</i>	\$100,000.00	2 Years
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#### WISCONSIN STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

A project of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute, Madison, Wisconsin. A grant to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute recommended for its support of the efforts of Wisconsin Stewardship Network to increase the size of the coalition it represents, to improve the ability to mobilize members when needed, and to increase its influence with policymakers.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$150,000.00	2 Years
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#### WISCONSIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL DECADE INSTITUTE

A grant to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute to support Drinkable, Fishable, Swimmable Water in the Heartland, a multi-year public opinion research and communications training project for Wisconsin environmental advocates that will result in an enhanced capacity to engage the public in a multi-year 'healthy water' campaign.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$550,000.00	2 Years
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#### WISCONSIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL DECADE INSTITUTE

A grant to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute for its Membership Development project to create a membership and fundraising plan for 2003 and beyond.

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<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$40,000.00	1 Year
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## DISCRETIONARY

### ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE

A grant to Alliance for Justice for its Nonprofit Advocacy Project and Foundation Advocacy Initiative to provide environmental groups in Beldon's key states in-depth workshops on legal rights and obligations governing advocacy by nonprofit organizations.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$300,000.00	2 Years
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### ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A general support grant to the Environmental Leadership Program for its activities centered on training a new generation of environmental leaders.

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<i>Cambridge, MA</i>	\$50,000.00	1 Year
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### ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

A general support grant to the Environmental Support Center to help grassroots and state-based advocacy organizations, including those in Beldon's Key States and Human Health and the Environment programs, to build capacity and strengthen leadership.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$200,000.00	1 Year
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### GREEN CORPS

A general support grant to Green Corps for recruiting and training the next generation of environmental leaders and deploying trainees as field support in current environmental campaigns.

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<i>Boston, MA</i>	\$350,000.00	2 Years
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### INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

A grant to the Institute for Conservation Leadership to support a partnership with the Environmental Support Center in the project 'Rightsize, Don't Capsize: Managing in Hard Times.'

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<i>Takoma Park, MD</i>	\$35,000.00	1 Year
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### LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

A general support grant to the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund to strengthen partnerships between national and state league of conservation voters education funds and other issue-based advocacy groups, especially in Beldon's Key States.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$450,00.00	1 Year
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### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

A general support grant to National Environmental Trust to carry out its public education programs.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$150,000.00	1 Year
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### NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A general support grant for the National Wildlife Federation's nationwide activities to protect the Earth's environment, including issue-based grassroots activist organizing for conservation advocacy and collaboration with the Collaborative Defense Campaign, an effort to amplify the public voice on environmental issues.

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<i>Reston, VA</i>	\$75,000.00	1 Year
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## DISCRETIONARY

### PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

A general support grant to the Partnership Project to continue coordinating the activities of its member groups in defense of environmental protections.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

A general support grant to the Partnership Project to continue coordinating the activities of its member groups in defense of environmental protections and to conduct opinion research.

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<i>Washington, DC</i>	<b>\$66,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### ROCKEFELLER FAMILY FUND

A grant to the Rockefeller Family Fund for its Task Force for Environmental Integrity project to address the national crisis in environmental enforcement.

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<i>New York, NY</i>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION

A general support grant to the Sierra Club Foundation for programs including its National Education Project, which educates the public about environmental issues and trains activists to advocate on behalf of environmental protection.

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<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	<b>\$240,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### TEXAS FUND FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A grant to the Texas Fund for Energy and Environmental Education to support the second Empowering Democracy Annual Training, a four-day training event for grassroots and corporate campaign activists.

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<i>Austin, TX</i>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### TEXAS FUND FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A grant to the Texas Fund for Energy and Environmental Education to support the Empowering Democracy Annual Training, a four-day training event for grassroots and corporate campaign activists.

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<i>Austin, TX</i>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE FOR VOTER EDUCATION

A general support grant to Washington Environmental Alliance for Voter Education for its voter participation and capacity-building programs.

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<i>Seattle, WA</i>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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### WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS EDUCATION PROJECT

A general support grant to Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project for its efforts to build a grassroots power base through a network of local groups working for environmental health, corporate accountability, family farms, and just social policies.

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<i>Billings, MT</i>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
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*AirBeat cleanup participants.*

# BELDON FUND PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Beldon Fund focuses project and general support grants in two programs: Human Health and the Environment and Key States. These programs are designed to work together to achieve the vision and mission of the Fund. Proposals that work synergistically across programs are encouraged. Please visit our website, [www.beldon.org](http://www.beldon.org), for the most current program information.

## HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Human Health and the Environment program seeks to add new, powerful voices to promote a national consensus on the environment and to activate the public on issues that matter to people in a deeply personal and potent way. For many people there is a distinction between personal health and environmental health. For the Beldon Fund, there is no such distinction.

The Fund seeks proposals that engage new constituencies in exposing the connection between toxic chemicals and human health and in promoting public policies that prevent or eliminate environmental risks to people's health, particularly through application of the precautionary principle.

The program focuses grant making in three areas: *New Advocates*, *Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals*, and *Environmental Justice*.

### New Advocates>>

Broaden and strengthen the environmental movement by including new, and potentially powerful, voices for change.

**Goal>** To encourage new-constituency groups to speak out, become advocates for environmental health and work for lasting improvement in health protections. The Fund will place high priority on the following specific constituencies: doctors, nurses, public health professionals, health-affected people, parents, and teachers.

### Work the Fund supports>

>> Expanding the capacity of new-constituency organizations, particularly those with a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement, to mobilize public support for environmental health.

>> Environmental health campaigns that significantly involve new constituencies.

### Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals>>

Reveal to the public the connection

between toxic chemicals and health so that people understand the importance of taking action now to protect their health and to advocate for change.

**Goals>** To increase people's awareness and understanding of the connection between environmental toxins and personal health. To protect and strengthen existing right to know policies. To involve more citizens in innovative and replicable monitoring programs that increase individual and public awareness of our growing exposure to environmental toxins.

### Work the Fund supports>

>> Translating new developments in environmental health science (such as toxicogenomics and body burden data) into accessible tools for advocates, the media, and policy makers.

>> Efforts to research and frame environmental health messages.

>> Issue campaigns that demonstrate to the public the connection between environmental exposure and illness.

>> Defense against efforts to hamper the public's understanding of the links between exposure and illness.

### Environmental Justice–New Advocates>>

**Goal>** To train a cadre of young leaders from the environmental justice movement in advocacy skills, and to provide them with the tools they need to lead the diverse constituencies engaged in environmental issues that affect human health.

### Work the Fund supports>

>> Environmental justice advocacy through youth organizing, leadership development, and civic engagement.

>> Campaigns that foster youth organizing and leadership development from disproportionately affected communities.

## KEY STATES

The Key States program focuses on particular states where the power of a growing, energized consensus for environmental protection can be organized and brought to bear on public policy and policy makers.

The Beldon Fund believes that states hold the key to bringing about rapid, real change on environmental issues and policy in the United States. By strengthening public support for environmental protection in several of these key states, the Fund hopes to transform our nation's approach to environmental protection.

The Fund is currently accepting proposals from Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Carolina for this program. Proposals do not need to be tied to any particular issue or set of issues, but targeted issues must be those that will build active public support for the environment. From time to time, the Fund will add and remove states from this program.

**Goals>** Achieve stronger pro-environmental support by national, state, and local policy-makers through public education in selected Key States. Help advocates in selected Key States develop adequate resources to replace Beldon's support when funding ends.

### **Work the Fund supports>**

>> Strengthening the advocacy, organizing and media capacity of organizations promoting environmental protection.

>> Broad coalitions that promote pro-environmental decisions by policy makers.

>> Developing the fund-raising capacity of groups involved in environmental advocacy, including donor development, planned giving, membership development, and major donor fundraising.

## Other Grants

The Beldon Discretionary Fund: The Beldon Board of Trustees uses the Discretionary Fund to make special grants to projects and organizations consistent with the vision and mission of the foundation. The Fund does not accept unsolicited proposals for the Discretionary Fund.

### **Exclusions**

The Beldon Fund does not offer grants for:

International efforts  
Academic or university projects, unless they are directly linked to environmental advocacy and have impact well beyond the academic community  
School- or classroom-based environmental education  
Acquisition of land  
Forest, wildlife habitat/refuges, land, marine, river, lake, wilderness preservation, protection or restoration  
Film, video or radio production  
Endowments  
Capital campaigns  
Deficit reduction  
Acquisitions for museums or collections  
Service delivery programs  
Capital projects  
Research  
Arts and/or culture  
Individuals  
Scholarships  
Publications

# GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Organizations seeking grants from the Fund should begin the process by submitting a letter of inquiry in accordance with our Program Guidelines. The Fund grants both general support and project-specific support for one year or for multiple years. Content requirements and deadlines for letters of inquiry and invited proposals are specified under Deadlines. We require letters of inquiry from all organizations seeking grants from the Fund, including former grantees and current grantees seeking renewal.

There is no specific limit on the number of requests we will consider from a single organization, nor is there a limit on the number of years we will continuously fund an organization. The amount granted depends on the scope of the project and the size of the applicant's budget. (To learn more about the kinds of grants we provide, please review the List of Grants that we have awarded in the past, [www.beldon.org/beldon/grantees](http://www.beldon.org/beldon/grantees))

The Fund makes grants to public charities classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. If you do not have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status please indicate the name of the public charity that serves as your fiscal sponsor.

## Deadlines

The Fund's staff reviews grant requests and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees, which makes funding decisions three times a year at its meetings, usually in winter, spring, and fall.

Letters of inquiry and, at the Fund's invitation, proposals must be received in our office within the dates specified on our website to be considered at the next Board meeting. Letters of inquiry and proposals received outside the specified dates will not be considered by the Fund. If a grant is awarded, we will inform you of the Board's decision immediately following the Board meeting at which your proposal is discussed. Requests for funding may be denied at any time.

## Preparing Letters of Inquiry

Grant seekers should familiarize themselves with the Fund's Program Guidelines. Proposals are considered in two programs: Human Health and the Environment and Key States. Applicants should consult the Exclusions section of the Program Guidelines to make sure that their type of project is one the Fund supports. If, after reviewing the Program Guidelines and the Exclusions, you wish to apply for a grant, you

should submit a letter of inquiry to begin the process.

**Please send us two copies of a letter of inquiry of no more than three pages.**

Your letter must include the following:

1>> *Date.*

2>> *Name and address of organization.*

3>> *Executive director and contact person(s); telephone and fax numbers; and, if available, e-mail and web addresses.*

4>> *Name, address, telephone number, and executive director of your fiscal sponsor, if applicable.*

5>> *A paragraph summarizing the organization's mission and work.*

6>> *A paragraph summarizing the purpose of your request and the activities to be supported (indicate whether you seek general or project support, and include the project title, if project funding is requested).*

7>> *A paragraph describing the outcomes (goals) to be achieved by your project or organization.*

8>> *A paragraph summarizing the proposal's relevance to the Beldon Fund's Program Guidelines, identifying the Beldon Fund program(s) to which your request applies.*

9>> *Total dollar amount requested and time period the grant will cover.*

10>> *Total dollar amount committed or requested from other funding sources and the names of those sources.*

11>> *Total dollar amount of your organizational budget for the current fiscal year.*

12>> *Total dollar amount of your actual organizational expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.*

13>> *Total dollar amount of the project budget for the current fiscal year, if applicable.*

14>> *The tax-exempt status of your organization or its fiscal sponsor.*

**Mail two copies of your letter of inquiry to:  
Letters of Inquiry, Beldon Fund,  
99 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York,  
NY 10016**

Please note that your letter of inquiry must be received in our office within the dates specified under Deadlines. We do not accept applications electronically or by fax at this time. Please do not submit examples of past work, articles, reports, books, videos, CDs or other supporting materials with your letter of inquiry. Our staff will promptly acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry and give it careful consideration.

### **The Fund's Response to Your Letter of Inquiry**

Within one month of the closing date for submission of letters of inquiry, organizations whose programs or projects fit the Beldon Fund's Program Guidelines will be invited to submit a full proposal with supporting materials. All other applicants will be notified that the Beldon Fund will not be able to support their request.

If you have questions about our Program Guidelines or Grant Application Procedures, or about the status of a letter of inquiry you have submitted, please feel free to contact our Grants Manager, Holeri Faruolo, toll free at (800) 591-9595, or via email at info@beldon.org.

### **Preparing a Full Proposal**

If your organization is invited to submit a full proposal, it need not be elaborate. Your proposal should include a narrative of five-to-seven pages, and supporting material as detailed below. Proposals prepared for other foundations are acceptable as long as they include all of the Beldon Fund's required information and attachments. Also acceptable are the National Network of Grantmakers' Common Grant Application or an application used by another regional association of grant makers.

**Please send us two complete copies of the proposal package. The proposal package should consist of the narrative plus financial information and attachments.**

### **Your five-to-seven page narrative should include:**

>> *Organization background, including accomplishments and qualifications, particularly as they relate to the purpose for which you are requesting support.*

>> *Immediate problems or needs to be addressed by your project or organization.*

>> *The target population or community served by your project or organization and how that constituency is involved in the design and implementation of your work.*

>> *Long-term systemic or social change being sought.*

>> *Strategies for implementing the work and a timetable for achieving outcomes (goals).*

>> *Plan for evaluating the work (including criteria for success), and for disseminating the findings.*

>> *If appropriate, a plan for continuing the work beyond the grant period.*

>> *If you are applying for renewal funding, submit a brief year-to-date narrative describing your use of the previous year's grant. (We will still expect a final grant report at the end of the year.)*

### **Your financial information should include:**

>> *Organizational budget for the current fiscal year.\**

>> *Actual organizational income and expenses for the past two years.\**

>> *List of your organization's (and, your project's, if applicable) ten largest foundation sources of funding and the dollar amounts committed or pending for the current fiscal year.*

>> *List of your organization's ten largest foundation sources of funding over the last five years and their cumulative grant totals.*

>> *For project grant requests, an annual project budget (for multi-year requests, include an annual budget for each year for which you request funding).*

>> *For project grant requests, a statement of actual project income and expenses for the past two years, if available.*

**Include the following attachments:**

>> *IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and all IRS rulings or notices regarding the tax-exempt status of your organization.*

>> *If your organization does not have 501(c)(3) status, send the name and IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter of its fiscal sponsor.*

>> *A letter from the fiscal sponsor, if applicable, confirming its Board's authorization to sponsor your project or organization and that your project or organization's purpose is consistent with the fiscal sponsor's exempt purpose, and a letter of agreement between your organization and the fiscal sponsor outlining the terms of this relationship.*

>> *Most recent audited financial statements.\**

>> *Most recent IRS Form 990, including any schedules and attachments.\**

>> *Most recent annual report describing your organization's activities, if one is published.\**

>> *If your organization has made a 501(h) election, please include a copy of Form 5768 (Election to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation).\**

>> *List of member organizations, if applicable.*

>> *List of your organization's Board of Directors and staff (describe Board and staff responsibilities, work and leadership experience, and criteria for board selection).\**

>> *The Beldon Fund provides grants to public charities. If your organization is not a public charity that has received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to operate as a project of another organization, please supply all of the information requested above for that organization. If you have any questions about this issue, please contact our Grants Manager, Holeri Faruolo, toll free at (800) 591-9595, or via e-mail at [info@beldon.org](mailto:info@beldon.org).*

We encourage you to submit an environmentally sensitive application: avoid folders, plastic covers, or binders and use double-sided copying where possible.

Mail two complete copies of the proposal package to Grant Proposals, Beldon Fund, 99 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016. (Because proposals require a number of attachments, we do not accept proposals electronically or by fax.) Please note that your proposal must be received in our office within the dates listed under Deadlines.

Our staff will promptly acknowledge receipt of your proposal. During our review of your proposal, we may contact you for additional information or material. An invitation to send a proposal and any requests for additional information should not be interpreted as a guarantee of future support. If a grant is awarded, you will be asked to sign a Grant Agreement that describes the reporting and other requirements of the grant.

If you have questions about the status of the proposal you have submitted, or if there are significant changes or news that you would like us to know about during the course of our review, please feel free to contact the program officer who invited your proposal toll free at (800) 591-9595.





FINANCIAL REPORT >> INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS' REPORT

*Board of Trustees  
Beldon II Fund  
99 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016*

*We have audited the balance sheets of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.*

*We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.*

*In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 its changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Owen J. Flanagan & Company*

*New York, New York  
April 24, 2003*

## BALANCE SHEET

	2002	2001
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 511,072	\$ 72,569
Interest receivable	303,456	697,590
Investments	72,541,591	86,172,569
Rental deposits	37,360	37,360
Other	16,206	4,171
	<u>73,409,685</u>	<u>86,984,259</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Equipment	133,002	131,432
Furniture and fixtures	99,432	99,432
Leasehold improvements	704,696	704,696
	937,130	935,560
Accumulated depreciation	(405,133)	(305,958)
	<u>531,997</u>	<u>629,602</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$73,941,682</b>	<b>\$87,613,861</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Grants payable		
Current	\$ 3,885,000	\$ 5,705,000
Long-term	125,000	530,000
Accounts payable	145,275	130,731
Payroll related liabilities	2,939	17,135
Federal excise tax		
Current	-	30,000
Deferred	-	16,960
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,158,214</b>	<b>6,429,826</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>69,783,468</b>	<b>81,184,035</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$73,941,682</b>	<b>\$87,613,861</b>

*The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.*

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2002	2001
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
Interest	\$ 2,646,295	\$ 3,927,914
Dividends	291,664	416,967
Gain on sale of investments and change in unrealized gain	(2,049,717)	(1,231,338)
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>888,242</b>	<b>3,113,543</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program		
Grants	9,425,250	11,475,500
Matching gifts	3,769	5,145
Foundation directed projects	382,033	243,798
	9,811,052	11,724,443
Administration		
Accounting and audit	35,869	34,623
Bank charges	394	630
Board meetings, conferences and travel	87,795	164,903
Consultants	69,120	333,586
Depreciation	111,126	116,304
Equipment	37,924	24,482
Excise taxes	30,500	193,175
Insurance	5,758	4,013
Investment fees	433,418	366,982
Legal	35,682	72,550
Memberships	28,215	16,206
Office renovations	100,315	-
Office supplies	53,823	54,672
Payroll taxes and benefits	322,246	261,430
Rent and utilities	161,871	155,144
Repairs and maintenance	28,804	30,812
Salaries	898,341	1,063,737
Telephone	36,556	46,126
	2,477,757	2,939,375
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>12,288,809</b>	<b>14,663,818</b>
Change in Net Assets before Accounting Change	(11,400,567)	(11,550,275)
Accounting Change	-	18,709,211
Change in Net Assets for the Year	(11,400,567)	7,158,936
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	81,184,035	74,025,099
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$69,783,468</b>	<b>\$81,184,035</b>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED)	2002	2001
<b>FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$(11,400,567)	\$ 7,158,936
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	111,126	116,304
Accounting change	-	(18,709,211)
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	242,027	(15,058,514)
Change in unrealized appreciation	1,807,691	16,289,852
Decrease in interest receivable	394,134	59,341
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(12,035)	1,158
Increase in accounts payable	14,547	113,378
Increase (decrease) in grants payable	(2,225,000)	(94,000)
Increase (decrease) in Federal excise tax payable - current	(30,000)	30,000
Increase (decrease) in payroll-related liabilities	(14,196)	3,242
	(11,112,273)	(10,089,514)
<b>FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(13,520)	(26,619)
Purchase of investments	(59,822,075)	(47,889,271)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments	71,386,371	57,978,247
	11,550,776	10,062,357
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash	438,503	(27,157)
Cash, Beginning of Year	72,569	99,726
Cash, End of Year	\$ 511,072	\$ 72,569
Supplemental Information		
Cash paid for excise taxes	\$ 60,500	\$ 163,175

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# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1> ORGANIZATION

The Beldon II Fund (the Fund) was established in 1988 as a private foundation organized to distribute monies to public charities involved in environmental preservation.

## NOTE 2> SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Fund's financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

### ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingencies, if any, at the date of financial statements and revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### INVESTMENTS

Investments are reported at their fair value. Fair value is determined using quoted market prices for marketable securities and at the values reported by the Fund for alternative investments. Realized gains and losses on sale are determined by comparison of purchase cost to proceeds. For donated investments, cost is the donor's cost.

### FIXED ASSETS, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Equipment	3-7 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years

## NOTE 3> INVESTMENTS

The Fund's investments consist of the following as of December 31, 2002 and 2001:

	2002		2001	
	COST	FAIR VALUE	COST	FAIR VALUE
Invested cash	\$ 790,095	\$ 790,095	\$ 7,424,129	\$ 7,424,129
U.S. government securities	7,742,264	8,351,809	15,035,915	15,388,876
Corporate bonds	8,637,057	9,098,539	17,584,457	17,892,562
Common stock	18,783,690	16,556,140	17,259,413	17,879,968
Asset backed securities	12,645,238	13,173,572	25,549,830	25,964,210
Alternative investments	24,071,095	24,570,636	-	-
Pending trades	-	-	1,622,824	1,622,824
	<u>\$72,669,439</u>	<u>\$72,540,791</u>	<u>\$84,476,568</u>	<u>\$86,172,569</u>

The fund's gain on sale of investments and change in unrealized gain was comprised of the following:

	2002	2001
Realized gains (losses)	\$ (242,027)	\$15,058,514
Change in unrealized appreciation, net of change in deferred Federal excise tax	(1,807,690)	(16,289,852)
	<u>(2,049,717)</u>	<u>(1,231,338)</u>

**NOTE 4> FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES**

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The Fund's investment income, reduced by certain allowable expenses, is subject to federal excise tax at a rate of either 1% or 2%. The Fund was required to pay excise tax at the 1% rate for 2002 and 2001.

The Fund is also required to make minimum annual charitable distributions within certain time periods. The required distribution is 5% of the average fair market value of investment assets, less the excise tax on investment income. The Fund has satisfied this requirement.

In 2001, deferred excise taxes are recorded on the unrealized appreciation on investments using the Fund's normal 1% excise tax rate. In 2002, since the Fund's investments had a fair value lower than cost and realized losses cannot be applied to future years, no deferred excise tax is recorded.

**NOTE 5> LEASE COMMITMENTS**

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The Fund is subject to a 10-year lease for office space at 99 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, that commenced June 1, 1999. A security deposit of \$33,750 was required under the terms of the lease. Minimum lease payments required by the lease are \$135,000 per year, terminating May 31, 2009.

**NOTE 6> RETIREMENT PLAN**

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The Fund maintains a defined contribution plan. All full-time, permanent employees are eligible to participate after three months of service. Effective January 1, 2002, the plan was amended to provide improved benefits. Full vesting occurs after two years of service instead of graduated vesting over six years. Each year the Fund contributes 10% of participants' gross salary to the plan. In addition, the Fund will match elective contributions by employees up to 5% of salary. Previously, the Fund contributed 5% of participants' salary based on employee deferral. Contributions for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 were \$113,711 and \$43,364, respectively.

**NOTE 7> LONG TERM GRANTS PAYABLE**

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The Foundation estimates its long term grant commitments will all be paid in 2003.

**NOTE 8> ACCOUNTING CHANGE**

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Effective January 1, 2001, the Fund elected to change its method of accounting from the modified cash basis to the accrual basis. As a result of this change, investments are now recorded at their fair value, instead of cost, interest receivable is recorded on the Fund's fixed income investments and accounts payable are now recorded in the period the expenses are incurred.

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