New Grants, September 1996

BOUND TOGETHER BOOKS PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT
San Francisco, CA: $500.

This all-volunteer group sends books for free to prisoners who request them. Our grant went toward postage to buy and mail the books, and for printing informational flyers about the project.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS
San Francisco, CA: $1,500.

Since 1948, CCCO has worked to support draft resisters and others who choose to resist war. Our grant went for the "Providing Youth with Non-Violent Alternatives to the Military" program, in which CCCO will produce an organizing kit to counter the military's stepped-up recruitment efforts, and will mass-produce literature about military life, alternative ways to finance college, information about the draft and conscientious objection.

EMPTY THE SHELTERS
Atlanta, GA: $1,500.

ETS is a youth-run anti-poverty group founded in 1991, developing youth leadership skills while working for economic justice in partnership with poor and homeless people's organizations. Our grant went for the Olympic Accountability Project, following up on the success of the organizing work ETS did around the impact of the Olympic Games on Atlanta's low-income and homeless residents this past summer.

KARUNA CENTER
Leverett, MA: $2,000.

The Karuna Center carries out nonviolence training work internationally. This grant from our International Nonviolence Training Fund goes for "Affirming Women's Strength for Peace," a one-week nonviolence training for indigenous Nepalese women to build strength and skills for the promotion of peace through nonviolence. The training is organized locally in Nepal by the Mili Juli Nepal women's group.

THE NONVIOLENCE WEB
Philadelphia, PA: $1,000.

This project sets up free sites on the World Wide Web for activist groups working on nonviolent social change. The NV Web has produced web sites for the Muste Institute, War Resisters League and many others. Our grant went for start-up funds to turn the project from an all-volunteer effort into a sustainable long-term project.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL/USA
Berkeley, CA: $1,000.

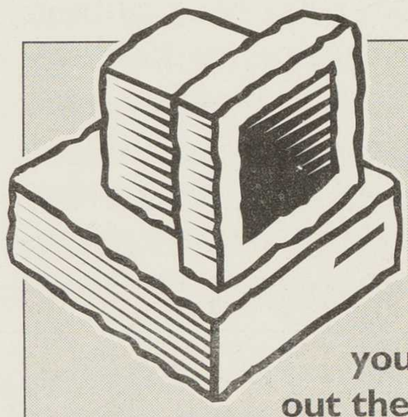
This grant from our International Nonviolence Training Fund is for PBI's Guatemala Nonviolence Training Program. PBI has had a permanent presence in Guatemala since 1983, providing protective accompaniment to activists who work under conditions of repression. Because of this, PBI has built up a relationship of trust with many Guatemalan grassroots organizations. Our grant goes for travel expenses of PBI's trainings and workshops in peace education for those organizations in Guatemala which request them.

PROJECT ON YOUTH AND NON-MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES
Encinitas, CA: $1,000.

Project YANO works to educate young people in the San Diego area about the realities of the military, alternatives for financing college and careers in peacemaking and social change. Our grant went for promotion and distribution in local high schools of a new multimedia computer program addressing these issues. The program, called "CHOICES: Young People, the Military, and Alternatives That Can Make a Difference," will also be distributed nationally. This grant will also help fund development and production of a giveaway literature bag with a slogan in favor of peace and social justice, as an alternative to the military recruiting bags given away at school career fairs.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEACE CENTER
Boulder CO: $2,000.

Founded in 1983 with a focus on nonviolence, the Center serves as a base for activists around the region working for peace with justice. This grant went for the Prisoner Rights Project, to educate the public about the conditions in control unit prisons—particularly the new federal control unit prison in Florence, Colorado—with the goal of shutting down these prisons.



If you have access to the World Wide Web, we invite you to come check out the Muste Institute's site on the Nonviolence Web at:
http://www.nonviolence.org/ajmuste

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute makes small grants to groups doing nonviolent organizing for social change. If you know of such a group, please encourage them to apply to us for funding. Write the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012 or call us at (212) 533-4335 to receive a copy of our grant guidelines and our latest roster of grants. Our next deadline for proposals is January 13, 1997.

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