|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Shared Framework Title** | Drones and Targeted Killings | | |
| **Amount Requested** | $55,000 additional ($830,000 total) | | |
| **Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)** | USP received a transfer of $775,000. Upon developing some of the later grants, some adjustments in grantees and amounts raised the total needed to $830,000 as of August/September 2015. This amended allocation request accounts for the additional request of $55,000 and indicates where other changes in plans have been made. Current and projected spending of SF funds and USP contribution, as amended, is detailed further in the attached chart. | | |
| **Background (Optional)** | These proposed grants respond to workplan discussions primarily in reference to goal 1 and build on existing grantee and field relationships of the National Security and Human Rights Campaign as well as DC, JI, and RPI. | | |
| **Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)** | The proposed grants would seek to: pry loose additional information about US policy and practice; document drone movement and capacities worldwide; litigate and conduct advocacy to directly challenge U.S. practices; develop policy proposals and engage in insider and outside advocacy in the U.S. to promote transparency and accountability, while developing some connections to work elsewhere. A limited amount of research on policy and an exploration of the cultural dimensions of drones and targeted killing would also be conducted. Although goal 2 may be advanced indirectly, this work is primarily directed to goal 1 and in specific cases to goal 3, with regard to U.S. policy and practice. See attached memo for additional detail. | | |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | Through grantmaking, support:  •Litigation on pending FOIA requests; additional, targeted FOIA work and related interviews (ACLU/NS Archive)  •Maintenance and expansion of “World of Drones” database (New America)  •Litigation and advocacy directly challenging U.S. practice and collaboration (Reprieve)  •NEW: Research on viability/mechanism to control drone use – RAND Corp (projected for Sept/Oct). Some funds had been set aside for research for New America. We decided to go with RAND, which will seek $100,000.  •INCREASED GRANT AMOUNT: Policy advocacy, strengthening military/intelligence, industry voices, and some transatlantic work – Stimson Center (incrased from planned $75,000 to $125,000) to allow grantee to focus on the work instead of fundraising.  •REVISED FOCUS: Research and advocacy: after-action investigation process, complicit state responsibility, redress for IHL violations, (confidential) work with foreign policy advisors – Columbia University Human Rights Institute (and associated Law Clinic) (projected for Sept/Oct)  •ADDED: Research on the ‘Kill Chain’ – CorpWatch/Tides Center (projected for Sept/Oct) This is partially covered by the decision to drop the proposed grant to Paley (below), but requires additional funds to reach $75,000.  •DECIDED AGAINST: Possible) cultural work on military technology and gaming, highlight *DRONES* documentary, and conference for popular media, to aid policy advocacy on compensation (Paley Media Center)  •Organizing and advocacy to develop a stronger ethical voice on drones in the US religious community (Peace Action Education Fund | | |
| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | This allocation to US Programs would provide up to $775,000 of grantmaking support and leverage another $350,000 from US Programs, primarily to U.S. organizations, to maintain pressure on the U.S. to improve transparency and accountability of its drone policy (goal 1) and to aid the effort to highlight victims’ voices and sensitize the U.S. for more thorough after-action investigations and compensation policy (goal 3), while building credible voices for restraint among a range of US experts and religious groups. We expect that this work will connect well to efforts in other parts of the world – supplying information that will serve the larger project and preparing the ground to be sensitive to external pressures on the issue – that will grow over the course of the SF. An additional $55,000 would accommodate the changed highlighted above. | | |
| **Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | Financial collaboration: US Programs ($350,000) plus ongoing advocacy work of grantees Human Rights First, National Security Initiative, and *Just Security*, among others. HRI would contribute to the Reprieve grant ($50,000) and also supports related work by Amnesty and HRW. The other groups involved in the SF would collaborate through input and participation in meetings, events, and monitoring of the work. For proposed grantees, see above. | | |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)** | See above. | | |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work** | Lisa Magarrell (USP) would oversee the grantmaking and would guide the work in consultation with other members of the advisory group and related programs. | | |
|  |  | | |
| **Approver (Lead)**  *(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name | James Goldston | |
| Date Approved | 5 May 2015; Additional funds: 3 September 2015 | |
| **Approver (Lead) Notes / Comments (Optional)**  *(To be completed by approver only)* |  | | |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | **Not** Rapid Response | | Rapid Response *(See procedure on* [*KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/files/ii.-policies/rapid-response-as-of-10-november-2014.docx/)*)* |
| **If approved, where to allocate the budget?**  *(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | | $775,000.00USD + $55,000 |
| Category of Work | | SFS007 SHARED FRAMEWORK: Lethal Drones & Targeted Killings |
| Division/Program Code | | 21095.6 |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | | FPOS |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | | Non-lobbying |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | | U.S.-based grantees, but broader benefit to extend globally (including to Europe and areas of drone use) |