



Rapid Response Fund
September 2008- September 2009 Grantees

2020 Vision Education Fund

Cool Cars Campaign

Approved: November 2008

\$25,000

During a time of lowering gasoline prices, and at a critical point during the Presidential and Congressional transition, 2020 Vision quickly coordinated a campaign to promote federal incentives for plug-in electric vehicles. 2020 brought policy-makers together with a wide variety of civil society actors, including auto makers, infrastructure and power grid providers from the private and public sectors, law and investment firms involved in the issue, and a broad range of NGOs.

The Brookings Institution

Changing U.S. Policy Toward the International Criminal Court

Approved: November 2008

\$25,000

The Brookings Institution, seizing on an opportunity provided by both the Bush Administration's softening position on the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the election of Barack Obama as President, launched an effort to promote U.S. engagement with the ICC. This effort included the development of a report by Brookings scholar Lee Feinstein and the Hoover Institute's Tod Lindberg, a public symposium to call attention to it, the convening of a high-level advisory group including former policy-makers and key NGO and think tank leaders, and outreach to senior policymakers in the Executive branch and Congress.

American Foreign Policy Project

Joint Experts Statement on Iran

Approved: November 2008

\$24,800

AFP, in collaboration with Just Foreign Policy, the 3D Security Initiative and International Civil Society Action Network, launched an effort to foster a modification of the U.S. approach on Iran in the new Administration. This was in response to a number of constructive conversations between author and Iran expert Stephen Kinzer and key members of Congress. The effort includes the launching of a joint experts statement that promotes dialogue with Iran on areas of common interests, a movement away from U.S. government action that suggests a U.S. policy of regime change, an adjustment of U.S. human rights advocacy toward multilateral efforts, a shift away from diplomacy by ultimatum, a broadening of the focus of Iran policy beyond the nuclear issue, and a re-energizing of the Arab-Israeli peace process.

Global Priorities***Approved: January 2009***

\$25,000

Global Priorities, an inter-religious campaign to change budget priorities in the area of security and development, jumpstarted a high profile, bipartisan advocacy effort to promote nuclear reductions by the United States and Russia, and increased funding for U.S. assistance in global poverty alleviation – especially for children. This effort built on momentum created by a then-recent bipartisan Congressional resolution promoting those dual objectives.

Women in International Security (WIIS)***Women In International Security Plum Book******Approved: January 2009***

\$25,000

WIIS seized a “once in a generation” opportunity to provide the new Administration access to groups that are currently underrepresented in the U.S. Government, through providing the names of highly qualified men and women candidates who would increase diversity. WIIS also focused on identifying individuals, and women experts in particular, who define security in broad terms consistent with the Connect U.S. Fund vision.

Democracy Coalition Project***Community of Democracies Invitations Process******Approved: February 2009***

\$25,000

DCP, along with Freedom House, Bertelsmann Stiftung and the Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), launched an advocacy effort to encourage the U.S. State Department to “play a constructive role of engagement” with the Community of Democracies (CD) - a global association of states committed to upholding and defending democratic principles and practices, which annually invites countries to be members on the condition that they meet specific international norms of democracy and human rights. The opportunity came in response to a decision by the Community of Democracies to hasten the invitations process, which limited the timeframe for U.S. engagement.

Save Darfur Coalition***Media Response to ICC Action on al-Bashir Case******Approved: February 2009***

\$19,000

In response to an expected decision by the International Criminal Court to issue an arrest warrant to Sudanese President al-Bashir, the Save Darfur coalition initiated a media campaign promoting the voices of Darfuri diaspora leaders. The campaign objectives were to ensure that international attention would be trained on Darfur after the warrant was issued to prevent any increase in violence, send a clear warning to the Government of Sudan and rebel leaders of consequences that would result from any military escalation by the Government of Sudan; and ensure Obama administration support for the ICC’s work in Darfur.

Citizens for Global Solutions***Reframing the International Criminal Court******Approved: March 2009***

\$5,000

CGS launched a targeted radio campaign in anticipation of the International Criminal Court's (ICC) expected decision to issue an arrest warrant to Sudanese President al-Bashir, with the intention of building support for the ICC in key U.S. states. CGS deployed three specialists in this radio campaign, including Don Kraus, CEO of Citizens for Global Solutions and co-convener of the Washington Working Group on the International Criminal Court; Benjamin Ferencz, former Nuremberg prosecutor and long time advocate for the ICC; and Tod Lindberg, a prominent conservative research fellow at the Hoover Institution.