

The Lifebridge Foundation

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Winter 1999 issue of The Bridging Tree Newsletter

*Bridging the chasm between the spiritual
and the so-called mundane.
Facilitating the integration of an
emerging holistic consciousness
into daily action.*

Mission

People all over the world, most especially in westernized industrial societies, are searching for meaning and asking the question - What is missing? In the current global structure, "what is missing" seems to be an ability to perceive our existence as part of the same life as the Earth and the Universe; as integral parts of an ever-evolving co-creation. The challenge then is to reawaken that knowledge within ourselves.

Lifebridge Seeks to:

**Promote the concept of One Humanity
and the Interconnectedness of all Life,
Foster a spirit of inclusiveness and global vision
leading to transformative action.**

Message From The President

A message from the President of
The Lifebridge Foundation, Inc.

Guidelines

Lifebridge pre-selects its grantees. However, introductory letters are accepted. Letters should be no more than three pages! No email submissions! Send Introductory Letters to:

LARRY AULD
PROGRAM

The Lifebridge Foundation Inc.
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Times Square Station
New York, NY 10108
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Policies, Procedures and more information on grants

Grantees

Representative

Grant Recipients (1993-1998)

Our grantees cover a wide range of disciplines and social concerns. We have labeled and categorized the representative grantees featured here even though it was sometimes a daunting exercise to do so. For instance, The Institute of Noetic Sciences could easily fit into the categories of Education, Science, and/or Community Service. Likewise, The Society for the Study of Myth and Tradition might be listed under Education and/or Arts & Culture. Other grantees all but defy traditional labels. In every case however, these organizations and individuals exemplify the holistic precepts which form the core of The Lifebridge Foundation's purposes.

- Arts & Culture
 - Youth/Education
 - Environment
 - Science
 - Community Service
 - World Goodwill
 - Interdimensional
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Projects

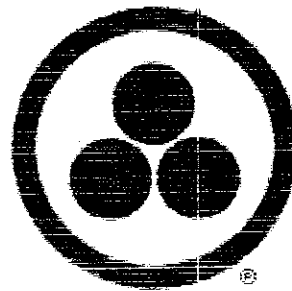
- Sun Conference

- **Peace Movements**
 - World Peace 2000
 - One Day In Peace, January 1, 2000!
 - **United Nations Youth Assembly**
 - Proposing a Youth Assembly Article
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Links

- **United Nations and The Lifebridge Foundation**
 - United Nations Corner
 - United Nations Website
 - UN NGO Website
 - UN System of Organizations Website Locator
 - UN Development Programme News

- **The Foundation Center**
The best single resource for grantseekers
 - **Peace Links**
 - **New Group of World Servers**
 - **Lucis Trust**
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Current

- **URGENT:**



Please help the disaster victims in Honduras by sending \$5 to the Red Cross. Mark your check and envelope "For the Honduras Relief & Development Fund."

Please send donations immediately to:
AMERICAN RED CROSS
DISASTER RELIEF FUND
 P.O. Box 37243
 Washington, D.C. 20013
www.redcross.org

- **Newsletter: *The Bridging Tree***
Email your name, address, zip to request a copy of the latest edition.
 You can also fill out this form to request a copy:

Name:

Organization:

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• **Feature Grantee
for the Month of January**



Alien Discussions
Presentings of the Mack/Mack Study Conference



PEER

Program for
**Extraordinary
Experience Research**

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Roberta Colasanti, Karen Wesolowski, Project Directors

The Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER) contributes to the philosophical and scientific exploration of experiences that do not fit our usual understanding of reality. The Center is working to understand how individuals and societies might experience a greater sense of interconnectedness with themselves and the natural world. Center researchers and affiliates work with people on the front lines of social problems to discover practices that create solutions at deeper more effective levels.

In addition to PEER's work, the Center runs programs in 1) values for a global society (as a non-governmental organization affiliated with the United Nations), 2) leadership in a new worldview (the Camp for Young Healers and the Institute for Transforming Leadership),

and 3) changing the understanding of what it means to be an individual (the Ecopsychological Institute)

As a project of the Center, PEER seeks to investigate anomalies that challenge the structures by which we have understood and perceived reality, including the perception of ourselves as separate identities.

Specifically, PEER is currently conducting research with individuals ("experiencers") who describe anomalous interactions, usually against their conscious will, with non-human intelligences, an experience often called "alien abduction."

• Former Grantees of the Month:

- December, 1997: World Citizen Diplomats
- January, 1998: ENDespair
- February, 1998: Center for Visionary Leadership
- March, 1998: The Foundry Theatre
- April, 1998: PEAR Lab
- May, 1998: The CityKids Foundation
- June, 1998: Trees For Life
- July, 1998: Jack Hunter Cohen's "Messengers"
- August, 1998: Tree Island Millennium Gathering
- September, 1998: Bridges To Community
- October, 1998: Foundation for Community Encouragement
- November, 1998: The Common Sense of the Wisdom Tree
- December, 1998: Yakoana

• Calendars

- United Nations Calendar of Events
- Celebrate Peace On Earth
- One World Global Calendar
- Millennium Events

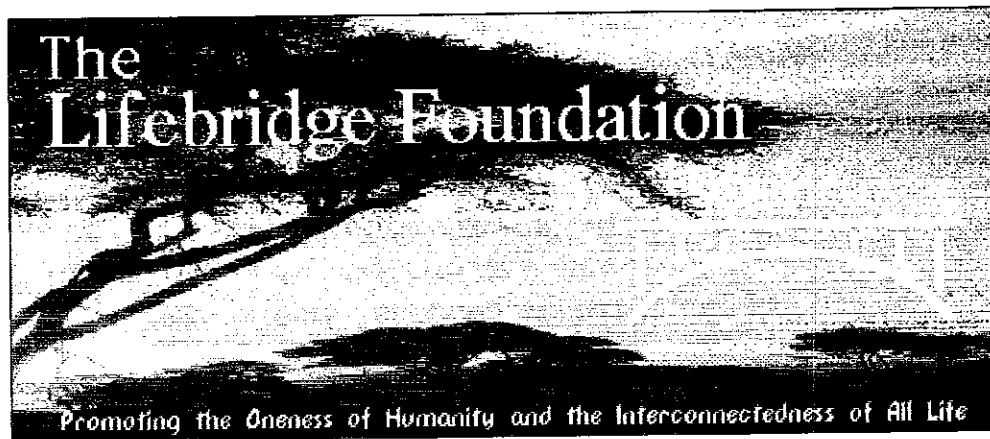
For further information or inquiry, contact us by email.

We do not accept unsolicited full proposals.
We do not accept letters of introduction by email.



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THE LIFEBRIDGE FOUNDATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Bridging The Financial Gap

Eligibility for Grants

Not-for-profit organizations, individuals sponsored by not-for-profit organizations, and individuals working independently on specific projects are eligible for funding.

Types of Grants

Project grants, general operating support, seed money, challenge and matching grants are among the types of financial assistance provided.



Application Procedures

Although The Lifebridge Foundation generally pre-selects its grantees, we do accept introductory letters. The letter should be no more than three pages and should describe how your organization or project specifically reflects The Lifebridge Foundation's purposes and aims. Do not include any other supporting materials. Individuals seeking support for a specific project should include a resume or brief biography only. Please note: no email introductory letters will be accepted.

Evaluation of introductory letters is based on how well the project or organization reflects The Lifebridge Foundation's purposes. Should formal application materials be requested, the complete proposal is evaluated on the basis of clear focus, quality of credentials, demonstrated fiscal responsibility and need. Synchronicity and/or universal rhythmic movement also play an undeniable part in the selection of

grantees.

Introductory letters may be directed to:

**Larry Auld
 Program Director
 The Lifebridge Foundation
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 New York, NY 10108**

Grant Ranges

Generally, average grant amounts range between \$2,500 to \$10,000. There will be exceptions, both high and low. The average grant amount in the past has been \$8,000. It has become our policy to help as many worthy projects as possible and to keep within the moderate range mentioned above.

Limitations

Our current general policy is to extend grants to organizations for no more than three years standing, after which a two year hiatus from funding is enforced. An organization may be considered again after the hiatus period. Individual project grants are extended for no more than two years standing.

BRIDGING THE FINANCIAL GAP



Our assets are invested in a socially screened portfolio. We feel that social investing is a technique that bridges the gap between the existing corporate structure that calls for profit at any cost and the new emerging economy which is based on a healthy respect for the world in which we live.

We do not invest assets in companies that pollute the environment, manufacture weapons, cause damage to human health and relations, or otherwise run counter to the kinds of transformative actions and philanthropic goals we are trying to achieve. We have found that socially responsible investing carries the same fiscal responsibility as so-called "traditional" asset management and we are pleased with the results of the past four years.

Donations

The Lifebridge Foundation is funded by a relatively small principal. Consequently, we wholeheartedly welcome contributions to the growth of the Lifebridge endowment. If you are inspired by the kinds of vital, transformative, and visionary projects that Lifebridge supports, you are cordially invited to make a tax-

deductible contribution to the principal fund so that our grant-making abilities can expand as the years go by.

A donation of any kind is welcome co-creative energy. If a substantial gift is within your means however, we would be glad to work with you on planned giving options.

For more information, contact us by mail or by phone:

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The Lifebridge Foundation, Inc.

March 23, 1999

Dr. Rudolph Ryser
Executive Director
Center for World Indigenous Studies
1001 Cooper Point Rd, SW, Suite 140-214
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Dr. Ryser:

Thank you for your March 17, 1999 letter which introduced us to the *Center for World Indigenous Studies*. We are always interested in hearing about visionary, transformative projects that promote an awareness of the interconnectedness of all life.

The Board will review your letter sometime during the next quarter and you will be contacted if they decide to invite you to submit a full proposal. Please be advised however, that we are a relatively small foundation and our resources are limited.

We wish you all the best in your good work and in your search for funding.

Sincerely,



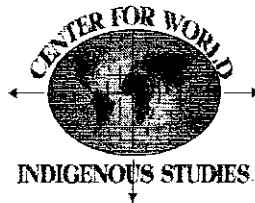
Robert Silverstein
Communications Manager

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES:

Phone Conversations:

Date	With Who	Comments
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March 17, 1999

Dear Mr. Auld:

I am writing to introduce to you the Center For World Indigenous Studies, and to express our interest in pursuing funding for our organization. The Center For World Indigenous Studies (CWIS) an independent, non-profit [U.S. 501 (c) (3)] research and education organization dedicated to wider understanding and appreciation of the ideas and knowledge of indigenous peoples and the social, economic and political realities of indigenous nations.

The underlying principle guiding CWIS is: Access to knowledge and peoples' ideas reduces the possibility of conflict and increase the possibility of cooperation between peoples on the basis of mutual consent. By democratizing relations between peoples, between nations and states, the diversity of nations and their cultures will continue to enrich the world. This principle is facilitated by the organization's four diverse, but focused, approaches.

Education Programs-The Center For Traditional Medicine, under the leadership of Dr. Leslie Korn, offers advanced studies and clinical training in traditional healing systems, health psychology, and traumatology from the perspective of Fourth World peoples at the Casa Xipe Totec Learning Retreat and Traditional Medicine Clinic in Yelapa, Mexico. The Center for Traditional Medicine coordinates with Lesley College Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences, Cambridge; Union Institute, Cincinnati; Antioch, and pending others to enable learners to earn a Masters of Arts (MA) or a Masters in Education (M.Ed) degree in Independent Study in Traditional Medicine. Complimenting the Casa Xipe Totec Learning Retreat and Traditional Medicine Clinic in Yelapa, Mexico, topic specific seminars are held in the United States and abroad regarding indigenous and Fourth World Peoples. CWIS also offers internships and fellowships where people come from around the world work in Olympia, Washington, and Yelapa, Mexico. Education Programs to study and work in Olympia, Washington, and Yelapa, Mexico.

Fourth World Papers Program: Documents and Publications-An important part of the Center for World Indigenous Studies mission is to "advance indigenous peoples' knowledge." One of the ways in which CWIS accomplishes this is to disseminate the ideas and analysis of scholars and activists through publications. An example of one principle instrument for dissemination includes the Fourth World Papers Series (full length books and other book titles published by our own in-house DayKeeper Press).

Fourth World Documentation Project: Research Documentation-Through the Documentation Program the Center For World Indigenous Studies operates an extensive archival collection of documents and official publications, known as The Chief George Manuel Memorial Library, at its World Wide Web site www/halcyon.com/FWDP/ as well as a new established link with Amazon.com on line book store. **Fourth World Atlas**-The Fourth World Atlas is a twenty-years project begun in 1986 established to promote the development of formal documentation of Fourth World Nations, their peoples, territories, economies and cultures using various mapping and research techniques.

Forum for Global Exchange Program: Public Deliberations- The Forum for Global Exchange applies knowledge acquired from the experiences of indigenous people to nations' social, economic, political and strategic circumstances and the promotion of human rights. Conflict Resolution, Promoting Dialogue, Consultations, and Policy Formulation are the methods used to encourage exchanges directly between nations' governments, non-governmental organizations, and informal groups.

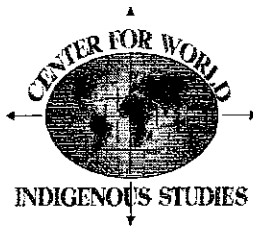
In celebrating our fifteenth year anniversary, we have recently centralized our organization and are seeking funding in the amount of \$10,000 (2 years) for general administrative support in our Olympia, Washington office. Funding would allow CWIS to develop and evolve to a higher level of efficiency which would increase our accessibility to those our purpose serves. In addition, funding would further the facilitation of programs and projects which have been ongoing since 1984.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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