

The Needmor Fund

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Application Form

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Contact: _____

Title: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

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Rudolph C. Rysler, Chairman

10 April, 1995

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Dear Ms. Partridge:

Further to our recent conversation, I would like to submit the following proposal for discretionary funding support to aid in meeting an urgent need. Our request is for funding (\$2,934) to help defray costs associated with the reprinting and distribution of materials to grassroots organizers and Indian tribal communities to help individuals and groups make decisions about Indian Rights and gaining access to new information about property rights groups associated with the Anti-Indian Network and the Wise Use Movement. The support provided will help the Center for World Indigenous Studies print more copies of publications currently in substantial demand for organizing efforts by Indian tribes and support groups. The grassroots focus of our efforts to distribute materials includes, tribal members on Indian reservations in the State of Washington, Urban Indians in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma; grassroots organizers connected with the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, Labor groups, and activists in the religious community.

Overview:

Beginning in 1986, the Center for World Indigenous Studies undertook a six year study of the Anti-Indian Network and Right-wing Organizations and their activities in connection with Indian Land Rights. In 1988, CWIS published an initial "findings report" which revealed the outlines of a broad movement of property owners, natural resource interest groups, and right-wing organizers working in tandem to undermine the "sovereign authority" of Indian governments. In 1991, CWIS released its final report entitled the "Anti-Indian Movement on the Tribal Frontier." The 56 page study (Printed as a Special Edition in 1992) reported a widely diverse movement on and near Indian reservations that began a generation ago aimed at the displacement of Indians from reservation lands and their replacement by non-Indian land owners. The study also illustrates the roots of the Wise Use movement in the "Sagebrush Revolution" during the 1970s and the Anti-Indian movement that began in the late 1960s. The "Sagebrush Revolution" was a movement involving non-Indian ranchers and a growing number of people who resented government sponsored environmental policies on public and private lands. These people demanded the removal of federal authority over vast tracts of land in Nevada and in California, Arizona and New Mexico. Closely associated with anti-environmentalism and anti-federal land administration a growing number of non-Indian property owners living on

Indian reservations organized into a movement that extended into thirteen states from Washington to New York to New Mexico.

In late 1994, the US Federal District Court rendered a decision (favorable to Indian nations) on a long unresolved question of whether Indian nations still have the right to take shell-fish from beaches on Puget Sound and the Pacific Coast. The Anti-Indian Movement, apparently dormant, immediately organized anew in its opposition to the Federal Court's decision. As the CWIS study of 1991, 1992 predicted, the Anti-Indian Movement would become more legitimate and function under the broader umbrella of the Wise Use Movement. The Wise Use Movement now embraces virtually all Anti-Indian Organizations and special interest groups intent on the enactment of "takings legislation" in the US Congress. They are also actively organizing support for an initiative in the State of Washington to press for the elimination of tribal treaties with the United States. The public atmosphere in the State of Washington is growing increasingly polarized between Indian nations, labor, environmental and religious groups on one side and business, property owners, "conservationists" and right-wing organizers on the other side. As one observer stated: "It hasn't been this polarized over Indian rights and property issues since 1975."

Project Description:

The Center for World Indigenous Studies seeks to print another 500 copies of "Anti-Indian Movement on the Tribal Frontier, 1000 copies of the Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and 500 copies of the Guide Book to the Fourth World Documentation Project. The combined impact of these publications will be the strengthening of grassroots organizational efforts to support tribal governments and turn back the growing efforts of Anti-Indian Movement efforts to undermine tribal rights, environmental laws and federal protection of public lands. These materials will be made available to tribal governments, tribal community organizations, Indian grassroots organizations, environmental groups, anti-bigotry organizations and labor groups organizing to facilitate tribal decisions to protect Indian land rights, aid support groupS to work with Indian tribes and to establish closer communications between these groups.

Proposed Budget:

Materials	\$364.
Printing	\$1,540.
Postage	\$400.
Telephone	\$450.
Supplies	\$180.
 TOTAL REQUEST:	 \$2,934

Project Period: April 1995 - June 1995

Contact: John H. Burrows, Executive Director

IRS Status: CWIS is classified as a 501 (c)(3) organization under the US Internal Revenue Service Code -

Sincerely,


Rudolph E. Ryser

Chair

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Rudolph C. Rýser, Chairman

11 November, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN BURROWS, EXEC DIR
and Coordinator, Fourth World Documentation Proj.
LESLIE E. KORN, Coordinator, Community Trauma Project
RICHARD A. GRIGGS, Coordinator, FW Atlas Project
Bernard Q. Nietschmann, MIKUPIA Project

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Rosalee Tizya, George Manuel Chair

FROM: R.C. RYSER, CHAIRMAN

DATE: 11 November, 1994

SUBJECT: FOURTH WORLD FUNDING PLANS FOR 1995-1996

It has been two years since we met in Berkeley, CA to discuss and review the list of prospective projects that could make a home at the Center for World Indigenous Studies. The list of project suggestions went something like this:

- MIKUPIA - MISKITO PROTECTED AREA (BQN)
- FOURTH WORLD ATLAS PROJECT (RG & RCR)
- INDEPENDENT GRADUATE SCHOOL (CJM, RCR & RG)
- FOURTH WORLD NUCLEAR POWER CONFERENCE (RF, RCR, JB)
- MISKITO ENVIORNMENTAL DOCUMENTATION PROJECT (JS, RCR)
- ESSAYS & PUBLICATIONS - PLACEMENT FW WORKS IN SPECIFIC JOURNALS (RG, BQN, RCR)
- FOURTH WORLD REVIEW - INTERNET VERSION OF FWJ (JB, RCR, ETAL)
- FOURTH WORLD DOCUMENTATION PROJECT (JB)
- ANTI-INDIAN MOVEMENT (RWAIN) PROJECT UPDATE (RCR)
- REORGANIZATION OF CWIS WITH MORE CENTRAL OPERATION (RCR, JB)

These ideas were later supplemented with these additions:

- Self-Government Workshops Collaboration with U of Amsterdam (RCR)
- Fourth World Community Trauma Renewal Project (LK)
- Television Documentary on the Anti Indian Movement (RCR, LK, JB)
- CWIS organizational stabilization in Canada (RT)
- FW Community Self-Determination Institutes (RCR)

All of these projects have their advocates and promoters (bracketed), and for the last two years, CWIS has served as the umbrella for these and ongoing activities. After our meeting, though it was apparent that the central spark necessary for lifting each or all of the projects onto favorable ground was not going to immediately happen. The spark of which I speak was

"concentrated person time for development" and "money." In the absence of the spark, we were left, as usual to depend on the "advocate promoter" to carry each project's water. While this has worked generally well over the years, it remains true that CWIS can and will become a force in a more responsive way, if, and only if, it provides heating, plumbing, food and sustenance as well as a roof (to extend the metaphor). Progress toward implementation or continuing slow implementation of or most of the projects above (and others as well) has been steady though not startling.

The first real glimmer of funding support for CWIS and her projects and programs came this last year (1994) when I was invited to deliver a speech before the National Network of Grant-Makers in Seattle (Oct 27-30, 1994). I spoke to some of you about this event earlier, and now I will give you an update and some of my thinking regarding the "spark."

The National Network of Grant-Makers is an association of "progressive" foundations ranging from "single donor foundations" (i.e., Main Initiative with a total of \$75,000) to "mainline foundations" (i.e., MacArthur Foundation and the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation). On behalf of CWIS, I had the good fortune of meeting personally with many of the people who make grant-giving choices and learned something about their priorities.

I believe we would have a good chance of raising the long sought after General Support funding (about \$150,000) if we pursued the following foundations:

CWIS General Support (Est. \$175,000) (Sourced: \$75,000)

A Territory Resource (\$15,000)
Seattle, WA

Funding Exchange (\$20,000)
New York, NY

Needmor Fund (\$25,000)
Boulder, CO

Peace Development Fund (\$15,000)
Northampton, MA

**Television Documentary on Anti-Indian Movement (Est. \$250,000)
(Sourced: \$245,000)**

Preproduction Costs:

Stern Family Fund (\$10,000 - \$20,000) (Deadline February 1, 1995)
Arlington, VA

Updated Research on Anti-Indian Movement for the Television Documentary on the Anti-Indian Movement emphasis on U.S. government Land policy and in particular the point at which this policy dovetails with the goals of right-wing groups involved in the Wise Use Movement.

Eagle Staff Fund (\$50,000)
Fredericksburg, VA

Funding Exchange (Janis Strout) The Paul Robeson Fund for
Independent Media (\$20,000)

Production Costs:

National Endowment for the Humanities (\$100,000)

Gambling Indian Tribes: (\$50,000)

Post Production Costs:

The Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media (\$10,000)

Foundation News and Commentary (\$5,000)

MIKUPIA/FW Community Self-Determination Institute (Est.\$500,000)
(Sourced: \$290,000)

The Needmor Fund (\$15,000)

MacArthur Foundation (\$75,000)

Arbogast Foundation (\$10,000)

Fund of the Four Directions (\$150,000)
New York, NY

Campaign For Human Development (\$40,000)

Fourth World Documentation Project (Est. \$55,000) (Sourced:
\$25,000)

A Territory Resource (\$5,000)

Funding Exchange (\$10,000)

Needmor Foundation (\$5,000)
The Tides Foundation (\$5,000)
San Francisco, CA

FW Nuclear Power Conference (Est: \$150,000) (Sourced: \$172,000)

Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation (\$20,000)

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The figures I have noted are guesses for what would be a
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Have you previously received funds from The Needmor Fund: -NO-

When: _____ How much: _____

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- Provide copies of the Study Group's report to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and to the U.S. President's Domestic Policy Council.
- Provide copies of the Study Group's report to each of the tribal governments and county governments in the NW States and Northern California.

11. How does the organization/project develop leaders and empower its constituents?

The Inter-Tribal Study Group on Land and Property Rights will provide tribal communities with direct access to a wide range of constructive alternatives for dealing with confrontations over land and property rights, and by their participation in the Study Group community and society members will directly participate in leadership roles helping to formulate new public grassroots policy on land and property rights.

12. What is the geographic scope of the organization/project (local, statewide, regional or national)?

While CWIS is country-wide in scope, the Inter-tribal Study Group's work will be regional with primary focus on Northern California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

13. Does the organization presently have 501(c)(3) status?

The Center for World Indigenous Studies is recognized as a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code formalized in 1985. A copy of the IRS letter sent under separate cover.

Tribal Study Group on Land and Property Rights						
Inter Mile	Rate	PIJ Rate	Total	Meetings	Members	
	\$125.00		#####	13	13	
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			Total	September	October	November
	40.00%		\$3,025.00	\$252.08	\$252.08	\$252.08
File			\$0.00			
Search	50000		\$6,250.00	\$520.83	\$520.83	\$520.83
Trav	0.21		\$1,312.50	\$109.38	\$109.38	\$109.38
Panel			\$0.00			
Meal	0.29		\$0.00			
Mem Trav	300		\$5,655.00	\$1,131.00		\$1,131.00
Mem P			\$8,125.00	\$1,625.00		\$1,625.00
Telephone			\$0.00			
Supplies	0.29		\$870.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Equipment			\$850.00	\$70.83	\$70.83	\$70.83
Telephone			\$0.00			
Postage	20		\$3,120.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00
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						\$3,969.13
						\$1,213.13

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