

JOYCE MERTZ-GILMORE FOUNDATION

March 3, 1995

Rudolph C. Ryser
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Dear Rudolph C. Reysen:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding possible funding by the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation for the Center for World Indigenous Studies. Based on the information you have provided, it does not appear as if your organization falls within the Foundation's areas of concern. Enclosed please find information regarding the Foundation's grantmaking interests.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Crane
Vice President, Program

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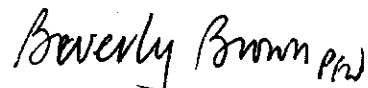
Rudolph C. Ryser
Chairman
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Dear Rudolph C. Ryser:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st regarding possible funding by the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation for the Miskito Coastal Protection Area (MCPA). I regret that the Foundation will not be able to assist your organization at this time, given its limited resources and current specific interests of the Board. The Foundation typically does not support country-specific programs in our environmental funding area.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our best wishes for continued success in your work.

Sincerely,



Beverly A. Brown
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THE ARTS IN NEW YORK CITY

The Foundation makes modest grants for institutional support to performing arts groups and companies, producing organizations, support organizations and a limited number of alternative museums and exhibition spaces.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Foundation does not provide funds for endowments, individuals, building construction, political purposes such as lobbying or propanganda, seminars or conferences, sectarian religious concerns, individual scholarships, fellowships, loans or travel, media, film or television production, publications or annual-fund appeals. It does not make grants to other private foundations, or in areas outside those described in the annual report.

The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation is classified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a private foundation under Section 501 (c)(3) and makes grants only to nonprofit charitable organizations as described in Section 170 (c).

An annual report containing a Grant Request Application Form is available upon written request.

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Following are brief descriptions of the areas of interest of the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation has a long-standing commitment to efforts which foster and protect social, economic and political rights, and which promote the development of democratic institutions. It makes grants in the following areas:

Protection and Support of Human Rights Worldwide. The Foundation supports efforts which monitor and investigate human rights abuses, advocate non-politicized application of international human rights law and encourage the free flow of information within and between countries. As a general rule, it does not support country-specific human rights programs.

Protection and Support of Refugee Rights Worldwide. The Foundation is particularly interested in approaches which draw upon the resources and knowledge of refugees themselves as a means of better understanding the often complex relationships between refugee populations, host governments and interested third parties.

Protection and Extension of Rights in the United States. At the present, the Foundation supports national and regional efforts to protect and extend the rights of (1) lesbians and gay men and (2) immigrants and refugees, particularly if their legal status is in question.

Democratic Development. The Foundation supports groups providing technical assistance and training for (1) community based organizations in the U.S. serving low-income and traditionally underserved populations, or (2) non-governmental organizations in the developing world, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

THE ENVIRONMENT

The Foundation has decided to allocate a significant portion of its environmental grantmaking resources to renewable energy issues. In an effort to stimulate interest in and development of renewables as a viable and major component of the long-term solution to global warming, the Foundation will focus its funding on policy research and analysis, information exchange, education and outreach and the development of model projects. Specific attention will be given to projects which support efforts to promote viable alternative energy futures in the United States and in the developing world.

The Foundation will continue to support a limited number of other environmental efforts. Of particular interest are programs that link environmental concerns with development issues. Additionally, the Foundation will make selected grants specifically for programs in New York City and State.

WORLD SECURITY

The end of the Cold War—seemingly impossible only two years ago—exposes the lack of preparation for the new challenges we now face in organizing to live together on this planet. While military issues remain a significant concern, we must now also confront other, perhaps even more imminent, threats to world security.

In its World Security program, the Foundation will support a limited number of efforts focused on:

Exploration of new ideas to develop regional or global institutions or structures that can promote and increase security.

Research and public policy efforts which define, analyze and publicize alternatives to current military policies.

NEW YORK CITY'S HUMAN & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation is committed to efforts which attempt to maintain and improve the quality of life for New York City residents. Because significant public and private resources are more readily available for service delivery, the Foundation prefers, as a general rule, to target its funds toward capacity-building, advocacy and policy efforts.

HIV/AIDS. The Foundation makes grants for advocacy efforts and to support capacity-building in community based organizations (CBOs) working with the city's hardest hit and underserved communities and populations.

Community Development and Stabilization. The Foundation promotes local community development, stressing the necessity for direct involvement and leadership by community members.

Organizational Development and Technical Assistance. This program assists CBOs develop the structure and resources needed to operate more effectively. Support is given primarily to organizations which provide a range of technical assistance and training services.

Advocacy. The Foundation supports advocacy and law reform efforts aimed at protecting and extending the rights of disenfranchised or underserved groups.

Conservancy and Planning. The Foundation supports programs which attempt to provide New Yorkers with public parks, open spaces, an accessible waterfront and neighborhoods that balance present concerns with predicted future needs.