



Telecommunications Policy, Advocacy

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation

American Civil Liberties Union works to protect individual rights and liberties in U.S. courts, legislatures and communities. Support was given for continued efforts to protect First Amendment rights to freedom of expression in the new concentrated media environment through litigation and public policy advocacy.

1997 (\$35,000)

American Library Association

In fulfilling its mission to promote public access to the highest quality library and information services, American Library Association is a vigilant protector of freedom of expression and unfiltered access to information. Support was for The Internet in Libraries, a coalition of groups working on the Internet and filtering issues.

1998 (\$40,000)

Bay Area Video Coalition

Bay Area Video Coalition strives to level the playing field, support the creation of high-quality independent media and develop current and future media-makers. Support was for Joblink, a training/mentoring program that provides individuals with the skills to work in a technology field and places them with employers.

2001 (\$40,000), 2000 (\$44,000), 1999 (\$35,000), 1998 (\$25,000)

Benton Foundation

Benton Foundation articulates a public interest vision for the digital age and demonstrates the value of communications for solving social problems. Support was for coalition activities addressing the digital divide and public education and policy work on media consolidation.

2003 (\$15,000), 2001 (\$30,000), 2000 (\$30,000)

Center for Commercial-Free Public Education

Center for Commercial-Free Public Education provides support to students, parents, teachers and other concerned citizens organizing across the U.S. to keep their schools commercial-free and community-controlled. Support was for the Community Assistance Program/Colorado Project, which successfully fought the installation of commercial television in the classrooms.

2001 (\$15,000), 2000 (\$15,000)

Center for Democracy and Citizenship

(University of Minnesota, Sponsored Projects Administration)

The Community Information Corps is an initiative of the Center of Democracy and Citizenship, developed in partnership with Libraries for the Future and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Communications and Journalism. CIC trains youth to use technology and community organizing skills to gather and disseminate information, knowledge and understanding in the service of democratic action.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$20,000), 2001 (\$25,000)

Center for Digital Democracy

The Center for Digital Democracy is committed to preserving the openness and diversity of the Internet in the broadband era, and to realizing the full potential of digital communications through the development and encouragement of noncommercial, public interest programming.

2004 (\$30,000), 2003 (\$30,000), 2002 (\$30,000), 2001 (\$40,000), 2000 (\$40,000), 1999 (\$50,000), 19998 (\$30,000), 1997 (\$50,000)

The Center for International Media Action (Generations Online)

Center for International Media Action strengthens connections among grassroots organizers, public interest advocates, activists and researchers focused on media policy and social justice. CIMA provides tools and services to help groups share knowledge, build relationships and utilize existing resources.

2004 (\$20,000)

Civil Rights Forum (Tides Center)

Civil Rights Forum brings civil rights organizations and community groups into the debate over the future of our media environment. The work is rooted in the belief that communications policy will determine whether all citizens will be able to participate effectively in the political process, maintain their privacy and have access to both the public airwaves and advanced communications services.

2002 (\$30,000), 2001 (\$50,000), 2000 (\$35,000), 1999 (\$150,000), 1998 (\$50,000)

Consumer Federation of America

Consumer Federation of America commissions research on the media environment and has been instrumental in educating the public about media ownership issues and mobilizing them to protect their communities from cable monopolies attempting to control Internet access.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$25,000)

Digital Future Coalition (American Library Association)

Committed to striking an appropriate balance in law and public policy between protecting intellectual property and affording public access to it, the DFC is a collaboration of many leading nonprofit educational, scholarly, library and consumer groups, together with major trade associations in the consumer electronics, telecommunications, computer and network access industries.

1997 (\$15,000)

Electronic Privacy Information Center

Electronic Privacy Information Center is a public interest research center that focuses public attention on emerging civil liberties issues and works to protect privacy, the First Amendment and constitutional values. EPIC has been instrumental in organizing numerous campaigns and coalitions in response to specific civil liberties issues, including the Internet Free Expression Alliance.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$20,000), 2001 (\$20,000), 2000 (\$20,000), 1999 (\$20,000)

Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting

FAIR researches and documents media bias and censorship and promotes independent, critical journalism. FAIR increases public awareness of the challenges posed for journalism by narrow media ownership and tracks media under-representation of women, people of color, working people and other public interest constituencies. FAIR also works directly with journalists in an effort to broaden and deepen coverage.

1999 (\$40,000), 1998 (\$50,000), 1997 (\$50,000)

Foundation for Independent Video and Film

The Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers supports independent producers and advocates for the media arts field. Support was for educating and mobilizing the independent media community on issues relating to democratic action and media policy.

1999 (\$15,000), 1998 (\$25,000)

Free Press

Free Press increases informed public participation in crucial media policy debates in order to generate policies that will produce a more competitive and public interest-oriented media system with a strong nonprofit and noncommercial sector.

2004 (\$20,000), 2003 (\$30,000)

Independent Media Institute

The Independent Media Institute provides independent journalism, information and media tools.

SPIN

The Strategic Press Information Service (SPIN) provides media assistance to nonprofit public interest organizations.

AlterNet.Org

AlterNet's online magazine provides a mix of news, opinion and investigative journalism on a range of subjects critical to society today.

Media Democracy Institute

The two Media Democracy conferences worked toward building a comprehensive progressive movement using media as a method to counter the economic and political prominence of the

2001 (\$40,000), 1999 (\$30,000), 1997 (\$50,000)

Libraries for the Future

Libraries for the Future provides training, technical assistance and model programs to strengthen libraries as centers for information and learning and to build stronger connections between libraries and their local communities. Support was provided for LFF's Telecommunications Advocacy Project.

1999 (\$35,000), 1997 (\$100,000)

Media Access Project

Media Access Project is a nonprofit law firm representing the public's interest on media issues in the courts, before the Federal Communications Commission and in the press. MAP advocates and promotes First Amendment rights in new and old technologies, and has been active in the fight against media concentration and in support of fair and balanced election coverage and democratic technologies such as low power FM radio stations and open-access Internet.

2004 (\$30,000), 2003 (\$35,000), 2002 (\$35,000), 2001 (\$45,000), 2000 (\$45,000), 1999 (\$50,000), 1998 (\$50,000), 1997 (\$80,000)

The Nation Institute

Dedicated to an independent free press, the Nation Institute places particular importance on strengthening the independent press in the face of America's increasingly corporate-controlled flow of information. It promotes progressive values in a variety of media platforms.

2000 (\$10,000)

National Indian Telecommunication Institute

National Indian Telecommunications Institute is a Native-founded and run organization dedicated to using the power of electronic technologies to provide American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaskan Native communities with educational tools, equal opportunity and a strong voice in self-determination.

2003 (\$30,000), 2002 (\$30,000), 2001 (\$50,000), 2000 (\$50,000), 1999 (\$25,000), 1998 (\$25,000)

The New Press

Established in 1990 as an alternative to large, commercial publishers, the New Press is a not-for-profit publishing house dedicated to serving the public interest with books of educational, cultural and community value. The New Press publishes about 50 titles per year on contemporary social issues. Support was for the development of the media program, including the publication and distribution of *We the People*, *Conglomerates* and *the Media*, *On Television* and *Smoke and Mirrors*.

1997 (\$50,000)

OnRamp Arts

OnRamp Arts is a digital arts organization in central Los Angeles that creates, produces and distributes collaborative new media projects with community members and artists. Support was for *Turning from the Millennium*, an interactive documentary created with youth from two L.A. high schools to explore civic issues relevant to their own neighborhoods.

2000 (\$5,000)

Project on Media Ownership (The Nation Institute)

Project on Media Ownership researched and produced both printed and online interactive charts of media ownership, detailing corporate control of the major cultural enterprises, making clear what other interests those major corporations hold and how those interests create conflicts in serving the public.

2002 (\$20,000), 2000 (\$45,000), 1999 (\$55,000), 1998 (\$50,000), 1997 (\$60,000)

Prometheus Radio Project (Paper Tiger Television, Inc.)

Prometheus Radio Project is a collective of radio activists that serves as a micro-radio resource center offering legal, technical and organizational support for noncommercial community broadcasters. They conduct workshops and radio tours, provide direct assistance and advocate for broader access to the airwaves.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$20,000), 2000 (\$10,000)

Public Knowledge

Public Knowledge is a public-interest advocacy organization dedicated to fortifying and defending a vibrant information commons. They work with libraries, educators, scientists, artists, musicians, journalists, consumers, software programmers, civic groups and enlightened businesses to promote their core conviction that openness, access to information and the capacity to create and compete are fundamental democratic principles.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$20,000)



Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network

Support was for the Ready to Learn Project, which is part of the nationwide PBS KIDS Ready To Learn initiative. The project helps adults learn how to combine PBS's children's television programming with a variety of activities to help build children's learning skills and prepare them for a successful school experience.

2003 (\$20,000), 2002 (\$21,000), 2001 (\$45,000), 2000 (\$37,000)