**Reduced Number of Grants for Rockefeller Family Fund**

*An apology for decrease in funding for programs due to Greenpeace incident.*

Description: Due to issues with a grantee of the Rockefeller Family Fund, Greenpeace, we have had to make the decision to reduce the amount of funding provided to selected programs. Based on a situation that involved a Rockefeller Family Fund grantee it is likely that we will have to decrease and do a more thorough investigation into the grantees that we accept and fund this year.

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We regret to inform grantees this year that we had to decrease funding this year. Previously, we were able to increase the number of applicants we funded year to year, but this year’s list will look shorter than before. [Greenpeace has created suspicion](http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/greenpeace-confirms-rockefeller-link-as-palmer-faces-legal-action-20120321-1vj15.html) associated with our policies and beliefs. Although we were not aware what the program spent the money they received on, we are associated with them as a main benefactor. In light of this situation we have decided to withdraw any additional or future funding with this particular program, in hopes to restore this organization’s reputation.

This new decision to reduce and investigate programs will not affect any already approved applicants but will apply to any programs that have pending grants. Programs with grants that have already been approved will receive full funding. We have listed the [requirements to receive funding](http://www.rffund.org/grants/application_process) for grants under the category the program is falls under.

We believe in strategic efforts that help promote a sustainable society for all. It upsets us to know that our name is now associated with a scandal that has harmed the environment. We no longer support this program and look forward to seeing innovative environmental plans that have been submitted to this year’s grants.