

LET'S CONSIDER
OUR WORLD, NOT AS
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OUR PARENTS,
BUT AS BORROWED
FROM OUR CHILDREN.

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A sepia-toned photograph showing a rectangular sign on a wooden post in the foreground. The sign is white with black text. In the background, there is a body of water with several sailboats and a city skyline with various skyscrapers under a clear sky.

NO
ADMITTANCE

DO NOT ENTER THE WATER.
NO SWIMMING,
FISHING WADING.

THE WATER & LAKE
SEDIMENT CONTAIN
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

After three decades of progress to restore and preserve the environment, our generation has reached a pivotal moment. With the most daunting environmental challenges still before us, we risk losing momentum that could threaten the gains we have made and jeopardize further progress.

At this critical juncture, responsible stewardship requires immediate and far-reaching action to safeguard our future. In response, the Beldon Fund will expend its entire principal and earnings by 2009 to help create a safer, healthier planet. The time to act is now.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Many people agree that the world was changed forever by the events of September 11th, 2001. But, one thing that has not changed is the enormous and relentless environmental degradation of our planet.

While our government carries out programs to combat the ominous threat of international terrorism, we continue to face ever-mounting threats to our air, water, food and natural resources. Unfortunately, some of the extreme opponents of environmental progress in Congress and the White House are already using the “war against terrorism” as a cover to promote their anti-environmental agenda.

Growing anti-environmentalism on the part of the current administration demands that environmentally concerned foundations become more involved than ever with public policy. We must provide more general support to public charities that aggressively advocate environmental protection. We must also support nonpartisan activities that stimulate public debate on environmental issues, such as public education campaigns and get-out-the-vote efforts. The Beldon Fund is increasing its efforts in these areas, and we hope other foundations will do the same.

National opinion polls show that the public strongly supports the environmental movement, so now is the time for action. Now is the time to dig deep and to extend our efforts in every possible way to promote environmental justice and environmental healing.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for their time and thoughtful guidance, and our staff for their dedication and hard work. I especially want to thank our Executive Director Bill Roberts for his steady hand on the tiller as we navigated some difficult waters during this year of transition. I also offer a warm welcome to Anita Nager, Azade Ardali and Dick Mark, who joined the Beldon family this year. Together with Bill, they form a dynamic team will lead the Beldon Fund to even greater success in fulfilling our mission: to build a national consensus to achieve and sustain a healthy planet.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Hunting". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John R. Hunting, President

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This past year has been a busy one for the Beldon board and staff. We have made important changes to our grant guidelines, our application procedures and our staff. All three changes have helped us build a stronger and more effective foundation.

The Beldon Fund has refined and focused its grant priorities. This new focus springs from our initial experiences in grantmaking in 1999 and 2000, from realistically gauging the resources needed to make a difference; and from clarifying what we hope to accomplish by 2009—the final year of the Foundation's grantmaking. Our new focus not only brings greater precision to each program area, it also enables us to tap synergies among programs to enhance the overall impact of our grantmaking. This revised approach is described in our Guidelines on page 27.

Also, this year we made a number of improvements in our grantmaking process. After extensive interviews with grant seekers and consultations with our colleagues in the foundation world, we have implemented new procedures that streamline the application process for grant seekers while ensuring that each application is considered in a timely way. Our new grantmaking procedures can be found on page 32. We will continue to work on improving our responsiveness to grant seekers by making the Fund as “user-friendly” as possible.

Finally, we have strengthened our staff by adding three seasoned professionals to our team. Anita Nager, our new Director of Programs, will oversee all of Beldon's programs to ensure we meet our grantmaking goals. Anita, formerly of The New York Community Trust, brings nearly two decades of experience in grantmaking to the foundation. Azade Ardali is Beldon's new Chief Operating Officer, and brings to the Foundation over 25 years of nonprofit management experience. Finally, the Fund has retained the services of Dick Mark, a consultant with vast experience in environmental advocacy and foundations, to lead our Key States Program. These new staff members bring 75 years of grantmaking, nonprofit management and advocacy experience to our team. We are delighted to have them.

As John Hunting's letter makes clear, the environmental challenges facing the planet are even more pressing than ever before. We are convinced that the important changes we've made in this last year will help us rise to meet these challenges.

William J. Roberts, Executive Director

BY FOCUSING ITS EFFORTS ON THREE INTERTWINED PROGRAMS—HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS AND KEY STATES—THE BELDON FUND HELPS BUILD THE POWER NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN A HEALTHY PLANET.



HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Human Health and the Environment program seeks to add new, powerful voices to promote a national consensus on the environment and to activate the public on issues that matter to people in a deeply personal and potent way.



CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS

The Corporate Campaigns program seeks to answer the constant and growing efforts by many corporations to block the development of a national consensus on the environment and the achievement of real, sustainable progress on the health of our planet.



KEY STATES

The Key States program focuses on particular states where the power of a growing, energized consensus for environmental protection can be organized and brought to bear on public policy and policy makers.





MAKING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

HEALTHY SCHOOLS NETWORK
ALBANY, NEW YORK

\$120,000/3 years: to expand the Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Clearinghouse Service, which responds to parent and teacher inquiries and provides model responses to environmental health and safety problems in schools.

Claire Barnett launched the Healthy Schools Network (HSN) in 1994 after the harrowing experience of caring for her sick child, whose worsening health was traced to pesticide exposure at school. Since its launch, HSN has brought together parents, teachers, environmental and health professionals across the nation to improve school environments. These coalitions were instrumental in New York State's adoption of a school environmental health policy and the nation's first school environmental health and safety regulations. When schools in Minnesota and South Carolina received EPA awards for healthier indoor environments, parents who spurred the effort said their first step had been to seek support and guidance from HSN.



HSN is putting school environmental health and safety on the national agenda. Last winter, a broad-based national coalition of healthy schools advocates helped win \$1.2 billion in federal health and safety repair funds for schools. In 2001, the U.S. Senate's current "Healthy and High Performance Schools" bill proposes a \$2 million study of the impacts of decayed school environments on child health and learning. HSN's achievements have earned recognition from the U.S. EPA. This year, they won a U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award, as well as an appointment to a national committee advising U.S. EPA on child health.

HSN's success demonstrates the power that comes from connecting environmental threats to the everyday concerns of parents, teachers, and public health professionals. Working together, HSN's coalition presents a voice that policymakers cannot ignore.



CHANGING THE WAY BUSINESSES DO BUSINESS

TEXAS FUND FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, SEED COALITION/CAMPAIGN EXXONMOBIL, AUSTIN, TEXAS

\$60,000/1 year: to convene organizers and activists involved in corporate action campaigns at a three-day conference at which participants from the environmental and other movements can share history, best practices and plans for the future.

Over the past 30 years, environmentalists have become increasingly effective advocates in Congress and state legislatures, at regulatory agencies, in the courts, and even in international arenas. However, many industries and special interest groups have also grown more effective at resisting protective environmental requirements. The result has been a marked decrease in the implementation of protections necessary to heal the planet.

Facing stalemate or worse in regulatory and legislative fora, environmentalists are supplementing their advocacy with campaigns directed at corporations, pressing for change in their practices through public education campaigns, shareholder actions, and other tactics. For many environmental advocates, such “corporate campaigns” are a relatively new and powerful tool for change, a tool they need to learn how to use.

The Texas SEED Coalition/Campaign ExxonMobil, in cooperation with the Corporate Campaign Working Group, sponsored a training conference to teach advocates how to conduct corporate campaigns. In May 2001, with the support of the Beldon Fund, nearly 250 advocates from the United States and abroad came together in Dallas to share training, inspiration and ideas for changing corporate behavior. The conference brought together representatives from religious, human rights, and labor groups in addition to environmentalists. The day after the conference, participants exercised their new skills during a *Day of Action* at the ExxonMobil annual meeting. With street rallies and shareholder resolutions, participants sent a powerful message to ExxonMobil: stop blocking constructive action on global warming!

Thanks to the initiative of the Texas organizing groups, dozens of groups nationwide have become more effective corporate campaigners with an array of practical tools to advance their mission to clean up the planet.



HARNESSING THE POWER IN NUMBERS

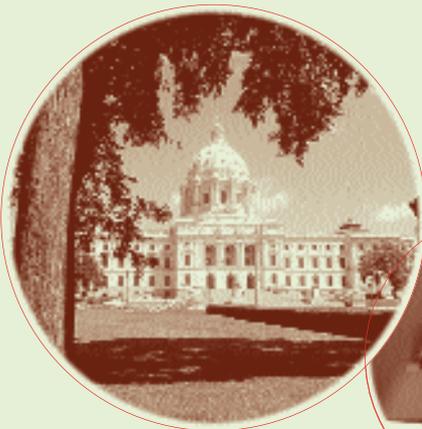
MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, LANSING, MICHIGAN

\$1.5 million/3 years: to fund a collaborative project with 12 Michigan environmental advocacy organizations to strengthen the capacity of these groups to promote positive environmental change.

The Fund has supported the efforts of the Michigan Environmental Council and over a dozen other major environmental groups in Michigan. The groups learned to look beyond differences in their missions, styles, and organizational structures, to focus on their larger shared concerns and to develop common strategies. They were ready to make a bigger impact in their state and regain the initiative on environmental policy.

Over the course of a year, the groups met frequently and sought help from specialized consultants and facilitators. They agreed that they needed on-the-ground organizers in key parts of the state, as well as a better strategy to draw media attention to environmental issues. The result was a thoughtful plan to hire a full-time outreach coordinator and seven new organizers in Southeast Michigan and Greater Grand Rapids. They also embarked on a process to develop a multi-group governance structure that effectively taps the skills of each member group.

“The collaborative effort underway is truly remarkable and a huge step forward for Michigan’s environmental community,” says Lisa Wozniak, Great Lakes Regional Director, League of Conservation Voter Education Fund. Thomas Leonard, Executive Director of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council, puts it this way: “Great momentum and fresh strength in our communities and at the state legislature is bound to come from this collaborative effort.”



SUSTAINING THE MOVEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

SOUTHERN ECHO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

\$75,000/1 year: to create environmental safety zones in Mississippi around residential neighborhoods, schools, churches and other public places that should be off limits to environmental hazards.

“When I was a little boy growing up in rural Holmes County in the Mississippi Delta, there were only cotton fields, acres and acres as far as the eye could see,” recalls George Ross. What he couldn’t see were the agricultural pesticides and other chemicals that permeated the land, sometimes filling the air with foul odors. As he grew up, George, his family and neighbors, began to wonder about a possible connection between the foul odors and their chronically poor respiratory health. Southern Echo helped George gain a clearer understanding of the relationship between human health and the environment.

Dedicated to leadership development, education, and training around issues of environmental justice, Southern Echo was founded 20 years ago to serve African-American communities in the Deep South whose health was endangered by environmental hazards. Southern Echo pursues an “inter-generational organizing model” that brings together constituents of all ages in the fight for a cleaner, safer environment, especially in disproportionately affected communities where issues of environmental justice are critical.



As a high school student, George attended Southern Echo’s training sessions for young community leaders. Today, with a college degree in agriculture, George serves on Southern Echo’s staff as an environmental organizer, working with poor, largely African-American communities in his home state. His work focuses on the creation of “environmental safety zones” in which local activists use local ordinances to keep toxic chemicals from being sprayed near their homes, schools, and churches.

Many young people across the Deep South are actively involved in Southern Echo’s training programs, acquiring the knowledge and skills to become the next generation of leaders on issues of environmental health and justice for years to come.



BELDON FUND 2000 GRANTS*

HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Alaska Community Action on Toxics *a project of Alaska Conservation Foundation Anchorage, AK*

\$120,000/2 years: a grant to Alaska Conservation Foundation recommended for Alaska Community Action on Toxics to assist Alaskan communities on toxic waste issues and to advocate for statewide policies that promote environmental health and justice.

American Lung Association of New York State, Inc. *Albany, NY*

\$225,000/3 years: to support the activities of the American Lung Association of NY including drawing public attention to the human and environmental health hazards of automobile emissions.

American Lung Association *Washington, DC*

\$75,000/1 year: to continue its work protecting air quality, including participation in the U.S. EPA review of federal standards for ozone and particulate matter and public education about the potential relationship between these pollutants and the health of young children and those who suffer from asthma and other respiratory conditions.

Asian Pacific Environmental Network *Oakland, CA*

\$30,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network including establishing a collective voice among diverse Asian/Pacific Islander communities in the U.S. to advocate for a clean and healthy environment.

Breast Cancer Action *San Francisco, CA*

\$150,000/2 years: to support the activities of Breast Cancer Action including promoting public dialogue on the links between man-made toxins and the breast cancer epidemic, and to advocate use of the precautionary principle in policy decisions affecting public health.

Californians for Pesticide Reform *a project of Pesticide Action Network San Francisco, CA*

\$30,000/1 year: a grant to Pesticide Action Network recommended for CPR's efforts to carry out its ongoing activities with over 135 organizations working on environmental health by addressing pesticide issues from the vantage point of public health, children's advocacy, workers' rights and community-based organizing.

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice *Glen Avon, CA*

\$30,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice including expanding and deepening the capacity of poor communities in the unincorporated areas of Riverside and San Bernardino counties to analyze and take action on environmental threats posed by pollution and industrial development.

Center for Health, Environment and Justice *Falls Church, VA*

\$25,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice including sending attendees to the People's Dioxin Action Summit in San Francisco in August 2000.

Center for Health, Environment and Justice *Falls Church, VA*

\$300,000/2 years: to provide organizing assistance and technical advice to grassroots groups across the country that work on toxics and hazardous waste issues, and to facilitate a national grassroots campaign to protect children's health.

Center for Science in the Public Interest *Washington, DC*

\$300,000/3 years: to identify and publicize the conflicts of interest of scientists and doctors who sit on influential advisory panels of the National Academy of Sciences, federal agencies and congressional committees.

Citizens Coal Council *Denver, CO*

\$100,000/2 years: to network and coordinate grassroots groups working nationally on coal-related issues such as coalbed methane mining, mountaintop removal mining, coal-fired power plants and coal ash disposal.

Citizens Coal Council *Denver, CO*

\$2,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Citizens Coal Council including improving its technical capacity to carry out its educational and organizing campaigns.

Citizens Policy Center *Cleveland, OH*

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Citizens Policy Center including supporting its efforts to strengthen enforcement of environmental laws in Ohio.

Communities for a Better Environment *San Francisco, CA*

\$150,000/1 year: to train communities in the methods of the Bucket Brigade, a citizen air monitoring, organizing and media model that empowers local enforcement campaigns against polluting facilities.

Community Toolbox for Children's Environmental Health *a project of The Tides Center, Seattle, WA*

\$100,000/2 years: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for the Community Toolbox to provide technical assistance and organizational development resources to local parent organizations working to protect children's environmental health.

Community University Consortium for Regional Environmental Justice *a project of West Harlem Environmental Action New York, NY*

\$50,000/1 year: a grant to West Harlem Environmental Action recommended for its support of the Consortium, including expanding the capacity of environmental justice organizations in New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico to use web-based Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to map industrial pollution and its health consequences, convening a national conference on GIS and other research tools, and training young people as neighborhood environmentalists and introducing them to careers in environmental protection.

Environment and Human Health, Inc. *North Haven, CT*

\$36,000/1 year: to support the activities of Environment and Human Health, Inc. including organizing on children's environmental health issues using a novel coalition of PTA's, pediatricians, environmental advocates and teachers.

Environmental Advocates *Albany, NY*

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of Environmental Advocates including supporting the organization's environmental protection programs, including efforts to educate citizens in the state of New York about the desirability of extending right-to-know policies to pesticide use and about the need to curb emissions from power plants.

Environmental and Economic Justice Project *a project of The Tides Center, Los Angeles, CA*

\$30,000/1 year: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for its support of the Project to complete three strategic facilitation and training projects and to implement EEJP's international program to build an explicit and effective international movement for environmental and economic justice.

Environmental Health Coalition *San Diego, CA*

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Environmental Health Coalition including organizing and educating the public to prevent and clean up toxic pollution threatening human health and the environment in the San Diego area.

Environmental Media Services *Washington, DC*

\$10,000/1 year: to conduct media outreach on threats to human health caused by persistent organic pollutants (POPs), as detailed in the newly released book *Pandora's Poison* by Joe Thornton, PhD.

Environmental Research Foundation *Annapolis, MD*

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Foundation including providing in-depth technical assistance to grassroots groups on toxic related issues and expand their assistance to Spanish-speaking communities.

Farmworker Health and Safety Institute *a project of the Farmworker Association of Florida, Glassboro, NJ*

\$100,000/2 years: a grant to the Farmworker Association of Florida recommended for the Institute's efforts to educate farm workers and the health care professionals who treat them about pesticides and the rights of agricultural workers under the Worker Protection Standard Act.

Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest *Atlanta, GA*

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest including providing legal and strategic advice to environmental groups on water and air pollution issues.

Greenpeace Fund *Washington, DC*

\$50,000/1 year: to organize locally and nationally to encourage accountability and government action that targets polyvinyl chloride plastics manufacturers, focused on Louisiana's Mississippi River Corridor.

Health Care Without Harm Campaign *a project of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Jamaica Plain, MA*

\$300,000/2 years: a grant to Center for Health, Environment and Justice recommended for the Campaign's efforts to sustain a broad coalition of 250 public health and environmental organizations in a campaign to end dioxin and mercury emissions from medical waste incinerators.

Healthy Schools Network *Albany, NY*

\$120,000/3 years: to expand the Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Clearinghouse Service, which responds to parent and teacher inquiries and provides model responses to environmental health and safety problems in schools.

Illinois Student Environmental Network

a project of The Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement, Champaign, IL

\$15,000/1 year: a grant to The Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement recommended for the Network's Environmental Leadership Training for college students representing environmental groups in the Chicago area.

Indigenous Environmental Network Bemidji, MN

\$200,000/2 years: to support the Network's work on environmental health and justice issues in Native communities.

Natural Resources Council of Maine Augusta, ME

\$70,000/2 years: to mount a series of pollution-reduction campaigns designed to improve air and water quality in Maine and to deepen the collaboration among environmentalists and public health advocates from groups representing labor, women, children, anglers and senior citizens.

Natural Resources Defense Council New York, NY

\$210,000/3 years: to implement its Public Interest Science Initiative, to uncover hidden conflicts of interest on EPA advisory boards, and other activities related to conflicts of interest.

Natural Resources Defense Council New York, NY

\$300,000/3 years: to carry on its educational campaigns in California, New York and Washington to break the nation's dependence on diesel vehicles and to accelerate the transition to buses and trucks that run on cleaner fuels.

Natural Resources Defense Council New York, NY

\$300,000/3 years: to carry out its Social Marketing Initiative, which uses social marketing tools to persuade businesses, consumers and the government to replace environmentally destructive practices with ecologically sound ones.

New Jersey Work Environmental Council Lawrenceville, NJ

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of New Jersey Work Environmental Council, including strengthening a statewide coalition of labor unions, environmental groups and community organizations advocating for strong environmental health policies.

Newtown Florist Club Gainesville, FL

\$10,000/1 year: to support the Southeastern Y2K Environmental Justice Summit, convened April 14-16, 2000 in Lake Lanier, Georgia.

Ohio Environmental Council Columbus, OH

\$50,000/1 year: to support its advocacy of environmental protection, including its public health and water quality campaign on the risks of non-point sources of pollution to human health and the environment.

Ohio Valley Environmental Council Huntington, WV

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of the Ohio Valley Environmental Council including organizing communities in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky to address environmental concerns, particularly the health effects of mountaintop removal coal mining and coal-fired power plants, and to participate in West Virginia Interfaith Climate Change Campaign.

Oregon Environmental Council Portland, OR

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of Oregon Environmental Council, including expanding its work on clean air and water policies in Oregon, and its work on the phase-out of Oregon's worst cancer-causing pollutants.

Physicians for Social Responsibility Washington, DC

\$300,000/2 years: to establish an Environmental Health Network comprised of public health professionals and medical practitioners who can contribute to the public debate on environmental health issues.

Physicians for Social Responsibility Washington, DC

\$15,000/1 year: to convene doctors and medical students at PSR's 2000 National Conference, which focused on issues that link the environment and human health.

Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition San Jose, CA

\$60,000/1 year: to support the activities of Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, including advocating clean production and pollution prevention in Silicon Valley and the nation, and to deepen its collaboration with other organizations dedicated to safeguarding the health rights of those who live near and work for the high-technology companies in Santa Clara County.

Southern Echo Jackson, MS

\$75,000/1 year: to support the activities of Southern Echo, including creating environmental safety zones in Mississippi around residential neighborhoods, schools, churches and other public places that should be off limits to environmental hazards.

Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice *a project of Southern Organizing Committee, Atlanta, GA*

\$50,000/1 year: a grant to the Southern Organizing Committee recommended for its support of the group's Health and Environmental Justice Program, which uses grassroots organizing, public education, and technical assistance programs to help southern communities disproportionately affected by toxic waste and polluting industries.

Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice *a project of Community Networking Resources, Albuquerque, NM*

\$50,000/1 year: a grant to Community Networking Resources recommended for the Network to organize and educate the public on issues of environmental and economic justice in communities of color in the southwest.

Southwest Public Workers Union *San Antonio, TX*

\$25,000/1 year: to support the activities of Southwest Public Workers Union, including carrying out grassroots organizing for workers' rights, community empowerment and environmental justice in the southwest.

Texas Center for Policy Studies *Austin, TX*

\$68,000/2 years: to support the activities of Texas Center for Policy studies, including continuing educational and public policy work, and its efforts to research and educate the public about the sunset-review process for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The Partnership Project *Washington, DC*

\$200,000/1 year: to support the activities of The Partnership Project, including contacting and organizing the Project's collective membership in California and encouraging retention of California's innovative requirement that automakers produce a minimum number of zero emission vehicles by 2003.

The Partnership Project *Washington, DC*

\$40,000/1 year: to help generate approximately 80,000 favorable comments on a pending U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule that would significantly cut emissions from heavy-duty diesel truck engines.

The Preamble Center *Washington, DC*

\$15,000/1 year: to support the participation of environmental justice activists in the National Emergency Gathering of Black Community Advocates for Environmental and Economic Justice, focusing on protecting poor communities from industrial pollution and promoting environmentally-sound economic development.

The Public Education Center *Washington, DC*

\$300,000/3 years: to ferret out conflicts of interest of scientists and other experts who serve on influential scientific advisory panels for federal agencies, congressional committees, research institutes and other bodies that make decisions about public health and the environment.

Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility *a project of Syracuse University Washington, DC*

\$300,000/3 years: a grant to Syracuse University recommended for TRAC/PEER to launch the Environmental Enforcement Tracking System, which will provide environmentalists, policy makers and others with a website that monitors how well federal agencies, prosecutors and courts enforce the nation's environmental laws.

Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund *Montpelier, VT*

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund, including conducting its public education and policy work on a variety of environmental issues, and its efforts to mobilize citizen pressure to reduce pesticide use, particularly in areas frequented by children.

Washington Toxics Coalition *Seattle, WA*

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of Washington Toxics Coalition, including advocating for strong policies that protect human health and the environment in Washington State.

Working Group on Community Right-To-Know *a project of U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, DC*

\$50,000/1 year: a grant to U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund recommended for the Working Group to enhance its ability to monitor federal toxic chemical issues, to educate policy makers about right-to-know issues and to assist environmental groups and the media in understanding and using data on toxins.

Youth Action Albuquerque, NM

\$40,000/2 years: to support the activities of Youth Action, including providing skill building and technical assistance to 8-12 community based organizations in the southeast and southwest and broadening the national reach of this assistance to improve the quality and increase the visibility of youth organizing groups across the country.

CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS

**Community Rights Counsel
Washington, DC**

\$50,000/1 year: to support the activities of Community Rights Counsel, including continuing defense of critical environmental protections as a public interest law firm. CRC serves as the voice of state and local governments and repels backdoor attacks on the environment by corporate special interest groups, developers and like-minded foundations and nonprofits.

**EarthRights International
Washington, DC**

\$150,000/2 years: to educate consumers, taxpayers, the non-profit sector and government about the value of selective purchasing laws sanctions and other green procurement tools.

**The Dirty Jobs Boycott
a project of Green Corps,
Boston, MA**

\$50,000/1 year: a grant to Green Corps recommended for The Dirty Jobs Boycott campaign to encourage college students to reject job offers from companies whose business practices and policies have a devastating impact on the environment.

**The Rose Foundation for
Communities and the
Environment Oakland, CA**

\$15,000/1 year: to support the Environmental Fiduciary Project in its efforts to encourage pension funds to use environmental factors to evaluate the soundness of an existing or potential investment in stocks and other financial instruments.

**Transnational Resource and
Action Center a project of The
Tides Center, San Francisco, CA**

\$60,000/2 years: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for TRAC's efforts to develop and extend the reach of its Corporate Watch website and webzine, which focus on the environmental and social damage caused by fossil fuel companies and other global corporations.

**Western Organization of
Resource Councils Education
Project Billing, MT**

\$150,000/1 year: to support the activities of Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project, including organizing and advocating on issues relating to environmental health and corporate power in western states, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana.

KEY STATES

**Center for Public Interest
Research Boston, MA**

\$300,000/1 year: to support the activities of Center for Public Interest Research, including general programs and working with the 501(c)(3) affiliates of state Public Interest Research Groups in Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Wisconsin recruiting and training organizers to conduct environmental advocacy work.

Sustain Chicago, IL

\$100,000/1 year: to offer its expertise on media skills to environmental groups in Michigan and Wisconsin and to build the environmental movement's capacity to create messages that resonate with policy makers and the public.

FLORIDA

**Active Citizens Improving
Our Neighborhoods
Belle Glade, FL**

\$100,000/2 years: to increase community awareness about environmental justice and environmental health issues in the Glades area through citizen outreach, advocacy and public education.

**Clean Water Network
a project of Natural Resources
Defense Council, Washington, DC**

\$250,000/2 years: a grant to Natural Resources Defense Council recommended for the Network's efforts to expand its Florida organizing and advocacy campaign and to strengthen the outreach and technical capabilities of local, state and regional organizations dedicated to improving public policies related to water and wetlands protection nationally.

**Clean Water Network
a project of Natural Resources
Defense Council, Washington, DC**

\$150,000/1 year: a grant to Natural Resources Defense Council recommended for the Network's national program and to increase the capacity of its Florida program in assisting grassroots and state groups on national water policies.

**Farmworker Association
of Florida Apopka, FL**

\$40,000/1 year: to support the Lake Apopka Farmworkers Environmental Health Project which seeks to address farmworker environmental health issues that arise from farmworkers' exposure to toxic chemical pesticides in the workplace of the Lake Apopka region.

MICHIGAN

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services *Dearborn, MI*

\$25,000/1 year: to raise environmental awareness and leadership in the Arab American communities of Southeastern Michigan.

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice *Detroit, MI*

\$180,000/3 years: to support the activities of Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, including conducting environmental justice organizing city-wide in Detroit, Michigan.

Ecology Center of Ann Arbor *Ann Arbor, MI*

\$70,000/1 year: to support the activities of Ecology Center of Ann Arbor; including coordinating advocacy for environmental protection in Michigan, working on environmental health issues and on automobile and truck pollution issues at the state and national level.

Lake Michigan Federation *Chicago, IL*

\$50,000/1 year: to increase the capacity of community-based environmental groups in Michigan to better influence statewide policy. The Federation will provide training on issue-campaign organizing, using sprawl and its impact on Lake Michigan coastal communities as a model.

Michigan Environmental Council *Lansing, MI*

\$15,000/1 year: to complete the community-wide strategic planning process to identify common goals, objectives and "team" strategies that unite the groups that comprise the Michigan Environmental Council, the main coalition of environmental groups in Michigan.

Michigan Environmental Council *Lansing, MI*

\$17,500/1 year: to support the Council's efforts to undertake a facilitated strategic planning process to identify common goals, objectives and united "team" strategies for the environmental community in Michigan.

Michigan Environmental Council *Lansing, MI*

\$225,000/3 years: to develop a long-term fundraising plan and enhance the Council's fundraising capability.

National Wildlife Federation-Great Lakes Natural Resources Center *Ann Arbor, MI*

\$50,000/1 year: to educate the public about mercury contamination in the states of the Great Lakes region by collecting, analyzing and disseminating data on the mercury content of rainfall.

MINNESOTA

Land Stewardship Project *Minneapolis, MN*

\$100,000/2 years: to support the Land Stewardship Project's Farm and Rural Organizing project which seeks to expand the number of Minnesota farmers engaged in environmental policy debates, to restrict the growth of factory farming and to expand LSP's base and leadership in strategic rural districts around the state.

Minnesota Environmental Fund *St. Paul, MN*

\$150,000/3 years: to support the activities of Minnesota Environmental Fund, including increasing the stability of environmental organizations in Minnesota by enhancing the Fund's ability to expand its workplace giving program and to promote the discussion of green issues statewide.

Minnesota Environmental Partnership *St. Paul, MN*

\$1,500,000/3 years: to support the activities of Minnesota Environmental Partnership, including permanently strengthening the Minnesota environmental community through capacity building and a targeted "healthy waters" campaign.

The Minnesota Project *St. Paul, MN*

\$20,000/1 year: to support the activities of The Minnesota Project, including those focused on sustainable development and environmental protection in rural Minnesota, and its involvement with the Minnesota Environmental Partnership's strategic planning process.

NORTH CAROLINA

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense Fund *Glendale Springs, NC*

\$80,000/2 years: to support the activities of Blue Ridge Environmental Defense Fund, including assisting local groups and advocating for stronger environmental enforcement in the Charlotte region, particularly around air quality issues.

Catawba River Foundation *Charlotte, NC*

\$60,000/2 years: to support the activities of Catawba River Foundation, including the Catawba Riverkeeper Project, which holds polluters accountable to state and federal water quality laws designed to protect public health in the Catawba River basin.

Charlotte Organizing Project *Charlotte, NC*

\$35,000/1 year: to support the activities of Charlotte Organizing Project, including organizing low-income communities in Charlotte, North Carolina, around health issues, such as lead poisoning and asthma, which are caused by exposures to chemical contaminants and pollution.

Clean Water Fund of North Carolina Asheville, NC

\$75,000/3 years: to support the activities of Clean Water Fund of North Carolina, including providing statewide assistance to grassroots groups working on toxic-related issues and to push North Carolina Environmental Management Commission to adopt environmental justice principles and appoint women and people of color as commissioners.

Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC

\$50,000/2 years: to support the activities of Concerned Citizens of Tillery, including pursuing ongoing projects that oppose the disproportionate impact of pollution on communities of color and to help develop the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network.

Environmental Federation of North Carolina Durham, NC

\$70,000/2 years: to support the activities of Environmental Federation of North Carolina, including increasing the fundraising capacity of the North Carolina environmental community by expanding their involvement in workplace giving programs.

North Carolina Conservation Network Raleigh, NC

\$180,000/3 years: to support the activities of North Carolina Conservation Network, including strengthening a statewide network of over sixty environmental organizations in North Carolina that work to advocate public policies to protect the environment and ensure environmental justice.

North Carolina Environmental Justice Network a project of Land Loss Prevention Project, Raleigh, NC

\$180,000/3 years: a grant to Land Loss Prevention Project recommended for the Network to develop a statewide network of environmental and community groups working for environmental justice and to convene an annual environmental justice summit.

North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network Durham, NC

\$75,000/3 years: to support the activities of North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network, including providing assistance to local organizations in North Carolina that campaign against hazardous and nuclear waste disposal in their communities.

Western North Carolina Alliance Asheville, NC

\$30,000/1 year: to support the Sabbath Project, which works with religious leaders to find common ground between the faith community and the environmental community in Western North Carolina.

Renew Wisconsin Madison, WI

\$50,000/2 years: to support the activities of Renew Wisconsin, including building organizational capacity and supporting the organization's efforts to champion sound renewable energy policies.

Wisconsin Citizen Action Fund Madison, WI

\$80,000/2 years: to nurture and build a coalition of farmers, environmentalists and religious activists dedicated to slowing, if not halting, the proliferation of concentrated animal feedlot operations, which pose major threats to rivers and other bodies of water, and to fish and human health.

Wisconsin Stewardship Network a project of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute, Eau Claire, WI

\$150,000/2 years: a grant to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute recommended for the Network to expand its statewide role as the forum where environmentalists, hunters, anglers, lake associations, watershed groups, Native Americans and other allies can collaborate on issues that affect public health and natural systems.

Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute Madison, WI

\$230,000/3 years: to develop the Institute's capacity to deliver high-quality video and audio pieces on environmental issues to broadcast, cable and radio stations in Wisconsin and nationally.

WISCONSIN

Midwest Environmental Advocates a project of Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute, Madison, WI

\$100,000/2 years: a grant to Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute recommended for MEA to provide legal services to grassroots environmental groups and environmental justice groups in Wisconsin and to collaborate with groups in Minnesota and Michigan on ways to reduce air and water pollution.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alliance for Justice

Washington, DC

\$300,000/2 years: to provide environmental groups in Beldon's Key Places with in-depth workshops on the legal rights and obligations governing advocacy by nonprofit organizations.

Alliance for Justice

Washington, DC

\$50,000/1 year: to convene lawyers and other experts on 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations to propose strategies to bring clarity to the IRS rules governing advocacy by nonprofit groups.

Americans for the Environment *Washington, DC*

\$75,000/1 year: to expand the Clearinghouse on Environmental Advocacy and Research, which tracks and analyzes the corporate, governmental and nonprofit opponents of environmental protection and public health.

Center for Environmental Citizenship *Washington, DC*

\$175,000/1 year: to support the activities of Center for Environmental Citizenship, including expanding recruitment and training of the next generation of environmental leaders through its training academies, interactive website and news service for college dailies and weeklies.

Environmental Grantmakers

Association *a project of The Rockefeller Family Fund, New York, NY*

\$15,000/1 year: a grant to The Rockefeller Family Fund recommended for the Environmental Grantmakers Association to carry out the annual State of the States conference.

Environmental Leadership Program *a project of The Tides Center, New Haven, CT*

\$100,000/2 years: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for the Program's efforts to train and support a growing network of young, visionary action-oriented emerging leaders nationwide.

Environmental Support Center *Washington, DC*

\$300,000/1 year: to support the State Environmental Leadership Program in its efforts to create a permanent mechanism for state-level environmental advocacy and to develop a multi-year campaign on state-level environmental enforcement.

Federation of State Leagues of Conservation Voters

a project of League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Oakland, CA

\$100,000/1 year: a grant to the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund recommended for its support of the Federation's efforts to strengthen and establish 501(c)(3) education funds for state conservation voter leagues.

Institute for Conservation Leadership *Takoma Park, MD*

\$45,000/1 year: to support the activities of the Institute for Conservation Leadership, including providing organizational capacity support and trainings to organizations and leaders in the Beldon Fund's Key Places and to develop the programming and publications of ICL.

Institute for Conservation Leadership *Takoma Park, MD*

\$55,000/1 year: to support ICL's Executive Director Development Program, to train 22 to 24 executive directors of environmental organizations in basic issue campaign and management skills and to help to build ICL's organizational capacity.

League of Conservation Voters Education Fund *Washington, DC*

\$300,000/1 year: to support the activities of League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, including providing infrastructure support to issue-based environmental advocacy groups nationally.

National Caucus of Environmental Legislators *a project of Edmund S. Muskie Foundation, Washington, DC*

\$300,000/3 years: a grant to the Edmund S. Muskie Foundation recommended for the Caucus to provide legislators and other policymakers with a forum to share ideas and information on environmental issues and public policy initiatives.

Progressive Technology Project *Washington, DC*

\$100,000/1 year: to support the activities of Progressive Technology Project, including developing and circulating programming that addresses the scope and scale of technology resources available to grassroots organizing groups.

Technology Project *Philadelphia, PA*

\$75,000/1 year: to bring high technology tools and services to state environmental groups to improve their advocacy effectiveness.

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS

The following programs were discontinued as of May 14, 2001:

NEW MEXICO

1000 Friends of New Mexico *Albuquerque, NM*

\$120,000/3 years: to advocate changes in New Mexico policies governing water allocation and management to meet the needs of communities and the environment.

Amigos Bravos *Taos, NM*

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of Amigos Bravos, including working with diverse communities in New Mexico to hold polluters accountable and reverse the degradation of natural rivers.

New Mexico Environmental Law Center *Santa Fe, NM*

\$150,000/2 years: to enable the Center to take on clients and cases that elevate the public discussion of environmental issues and that assist environmental justice organizations in their battles with polluters, developers and other agents of environmental degradation.

Re-Visioning New Mexico *Albuquerque, NM*

\$100,000/2 years: to support the activities of Re-Visioning New Mexico, including maintaining a multi-cultural, multi-issue coalition that represents the common interests of social and economic justice, labor and environmental organizations in New Mexico.

Southwest Research and Information Center *Albuquerque, NM*

\$40,000/1 year: to support the activities of Southwest Research and Information Center; including building organizational capacity and implementing action of a four-year strategy to develop new environmental leaders by providing mentoring and training in New Mexico.

Western Environmental Law Center *Taos, NM*

\$150,000/2 years: to support the Center's policy and litigation work on land-use, water and other environmental issues in New Mexico.

RELIGION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Archdiocese of Santa Fe *Albuquerque, NM*

\$50,000/1 year: to collaborate with The New Mexico Catholic Conference and The New Mexico Conference of Churches to offer the clergy and laity in Catholic and Protestant churches a training academy focused on stewardship of creation, analysis of environmental justice issues, and the development of ways for faith communities to collaborate with other environmental groups.

Center for a New American Dream *Takoma Park, MD*

\$50,000/1 year: to raise awareness and promote action among faith based organizations and people of faith about the damaging impacts of excessive consumption.

Christian Life Commission of Baptist General Convention of Texas *Dallas, TX*

\$100,000/1 year: to educate members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas about the denomination's interpretation of stewardship of creation and to help the denomination pursue water and other environment justice issues in West Texas and New Mexico.

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life *a project of Jewish Council for Public Affairs, New York, NY*

\$400,000/2 years: a grant to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs recommended for the Coalition to support the creation of regional networks of environmental activists and leaders in Jewish communities around the nation.

Environmental Media Services *a project of The Tides Center, Washington, DC*

\$75,000/1 year: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for EMS's efforts to educate Americans about the zero-emissions movement among churches, synagogues, and other house of worship committed to reducing greenhouse gases by bundling faith institutions to purchase electricity from producers of wind, solar and other clean renewable sources.

Maine Council of Churches *Portland, ME*

\$100,000/2 years: to establish Maine Interfaith Power & Light, which plans to bundle houses of worship, nonprofit institutions and consumers to purchase renewable, cleaner sources of electricity.

Michigan Catholic Rural Life Coalition *a project of Department of Christian Services Archdiocese of Detroit, Detroit, MI*

\$150,000/3 years: a grant to the Department of Christian Services Archdiocese of Detroit recommended for the Coalition's efforts to establish an environmental affairs coordinator to work with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Dioceses of Saginaw, Kalamazoo and Lansing, and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Millennium Institute *Arlington, VA*

\$300,000/1 year: to use two computer models of sustainability, Threshold 21 and the Millennium Earth Model, to find the strengths and weaknesses in the global strategies advocated by influential institutions from eight sectors: religion, government, business and labor; science and technology, media and arts, transnational organizations, education and civil society.

The National Religious Partnership for the Environment *New York, NY*

\$21,000/1 year: to convene global warming activists from faith communities around the nation to develop and refine the goals of climate change campaigns.

The Regeneration Project *a project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, CA*

\$150,000/3 years: a grant to The Tides Center recommended for The Regeneration Project to create a statewide interfaith version of Episcopal Power & Light, which bundles houses of worship, other nonprofit institutions and individuals to buy electricity from producers of wind, solar and other cleaner power sources.

Washington State Catholic Conference *Seattle, WA*

\$30,000/1 year: to support the public education efforts of the dioceses involved in the Columbia River Pastoral Letter Project, which seeks to deepen the dialogue about policy decisions facing the watershed in Northwest and Canada.

GLOBAL WARMING

Citizen's Policy Center *Cleveland, OH*

\$30,000/1 year: to implement the Ohio Environmental Enforcement Project to target a number of large power plants in Ohio to reduce the plants' emissions.

Earth Day Network *Cleveland, OH*

\$75,000/1 year: to support the Network's efforts to build an extensive list of email users from those participating in their U.S. global warming campaign for use in mobilizing activists in future advocacy campaigns.

Free the Planet! *a project of Green Corps, Boston, MA*

\$30,000/1 year: a grant to Green Corps recommended for Free the Planet! to expand its global warming campaign on college campuses and to assist efforts by college students, faculty and others to persuade universities to divest their financial holdings in companies that contribute to global warming.

New York Public Interest Research Group Fund *New York, NY*

\$100,000/2 years: to reduce air pollution from utilities and factories in New York State by teaching citizens to monitor Title V emissions.

Ohio Environmental Council *Columbus, OH*

\$30,000/1 year: to implement the Ohio Environmental Enforcement Project to target a number of large power plants in Ohio to reduce the plants' emissions.

Ohio PIRG *a project of the Center for Public Interest Research, Cleveland, OH*

\$54,000/1 year: a grant to Center for Public Interest Research recommended for Ohio PIRG's efforts to implement the Ohio Environmental Enforcement Project to target a number of large power plants in Ohio to reduce the plants' emissions.

Sierra Club-Cleveland Chapter *a project of The Sierra Club Foundation, Cleveland, OH*

\$6,000/1 year: a grant to The Sierra Club Foundation recommended for the Chapter's efforts to implement the Ohio Environmental Enforcement Project to target a number of large power plants in Ohio to reduce the plants' emissions.

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives *Berkeley, CA*

\$150,000/2 years: to train and assist city and county officials committed to implementing policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by government institutions and services.

Toxics Action Center *Boston, MA*

\$75,000/1 year: to support the activities of Toxics Action Center including conducting a public education campaign on the human health effects from power plant emissions in Connecticut.

Union of Concerned Scientists *Cambridge, MA*

\$150,000/2 years: to support a scientific study and public education campaign that will explain the impact of global warming on the Gulf States of Louisiana, Florida and Texas.

US Public Interest Research Group *Washington, DC*

\$200,000/1 year: to support the activities of US Public Interest Research Group, including supporting its research, public education, and organizing efforts in communities and on college campuses nationwide on a range of issues including toxic chemicals, pesticides, air and water quality problems, and its global warming campaign.



PROGRAM GUIDELINES*

OUR VISION

Our vision for the future is a planet with healthy people living in healthy ecosystems.

OUR MISSION

By supporting effective, nonprofit advocacy organizations, the Beldon Fund seeks to build a national consensus to achieve and sustain a healthy planet. The Fund plans to invest its entire principal and earnings by 2009 to attain this goal. After three decades of progress protecting our environment, we have reached a critical moment. With daunting environmental challenges still ahead, we face the prospect of losing momentum and the environmental gains we have already made. Now is the time to act.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Beldon Fund focuses project and general support grants in three programs: Human Health and the Environment, Corporate Campaigns, and Key States. These programs are designed to work together to achieve the vision and mission of the Fund. Proposals that work synergistically across programs are encouraged.

The Human Health and the Environment program seeks to add new, powerful voices to promote a national consensus on the environment and to activate the public on issues that matter to people in a deeply personal and potent way.

The Corporate Campaigns program seeks to answer the constant and growing efforts by many corporations to block the development of a national consensus on the environment and the achievement of real, sustainable progress on the health of our planet.

The Key States program focuses on particular states where the power of a growing, energized consensus for environmental protection can be organized and brought to bear on public policy and policy makers.

PROGRAM **Human Health and the Environment**

For many people there is a distinction between personal health and environmental health. For the Beldon Fund, there is no such distinction. The Fund seeks proposals that engage new constituencies in exposing the connection between toxic chemicals and human health and in promoting public policies that prevent or eliminate environmental risks to people's health, particularly through application of the precautionary principle. The program focuses grant making in three areas: New Advocates, Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals, and Environmental Justice.

1. New Advocates: Broaden and strengthen the environmental movement by including new, and potentially powerful, voices for change.

Goal: To encourage new constituency groups to speak out, become advocates for environmental health and work for lasting improvement in health protections. The Fund will place high priority on the following specific constituencies: doctors, nurses, public health professionals, health-affected people, parents, and teachers. Examples of work the Fund supports:

- * Expanding the capacity of new constituency organizations to work on environmental health issues.
- * Building diverse state-level coalitions that include new constituencies working for state, regional, and national policies that protect people from toxic chemicals.
- * Environmental health campaigns that significantly involve new constituencies.

2. Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals: Reveal to the public the connection between toxic chemicals and health so that people understand the importance of taking action now to protect their health and to advocate for change.

Goals: To increase people's awareness and understanding of the connection between environmental toxins and personal health. To protect and strengthen existing right to know policies. To involve more citizens in innovative and replicable monitoring programs that increase individual and public awareness of our growing exposure to environmental toxins. Examples of work the Fund supports:

- * Educating the public about the presence of toxic chemicals in the environment and their bodies, particularly in disproportionately affected communities.
- * Improving the public's understanding of the relationship between toxic chemicals and specific illnesses.
- * Campaigns to protect and strengthen state and federal right to know policies.
- * Expanding the responsible use of biomonitoring and other monitoring techniques to measure the public's exposure to toxic chemicals.

3. Environmental Justice: Train young leaders.

Goal: To train a cadre of young leaders from the environmental justice movement in advocacy skills, and to provide them with the tools they need to lead the diverse constituencies engaged in environmental issues that affect human health. Examples of work the Fund supports:

- * Environmental justice advocacy through youth organizing and leadership development.
- * Campaigns that foster youth organizing and leadership development from disproportionately affected communities.

PROGRAM **Corporate Campaigns**

Despite widespread public support to protect the environment, corporate interests have successfully slowed progress toward this goal, weakened existing protections, and worked to undermine the establishment of a national consensus on the environment. The Fund seeks proposals that promote permanent changes in the conduct of trend-setting corporations or corporate coalitions in key market sectors.

Goal: Compel industry leaders to stop activities that are environmentally damaging and to take responsibility for the environmental consequences of the products and services they sell. Examples of work the Fund supports:

- * Training advocates to conduct corporate campaigns.
- * Innovative corporate campaigns that are targeted and designed to produce industry-wide changes.

PROGRAM **Key States**

The Beldon Fund believes that states hold the key to bringing about rapid, real change on environmental issues and policy in the United States. By strengthening public support for environmental protection in several of these key states, the Fund hopes to transform our nation's approach to environmental protection. The Fund is currently accepting proposals from Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Carolina for this program. Proposals do not need to be tied to any particular issue or set of issues, but targeted issues must be those that will build active public support for the environment. From time to time, the Fund will add and remove states from this program.

Goals: Achieve stronger pro-environmental support by national, state, and local policymakers through public education in selected Key States. Help advocates in selected Key States develop adequate resources to replace Beldon's support when funding ends. Examples of work the Fund supports:

- * Strengthening the advocacy, organizing, and media capacity of organizations promoting environmental protection.
- * Broad coalitions that promote pro-environmental decisions by policy makers.
- * Developing the fund-raising capacity of groups involved in environmental advocacy, including donor development, planned giving, membership development, and major donor fundraising.

OTHER GRANTS **The Beldon Discretionary Fund**

The Beldon Board of Trustees uses the Discretionary Fund to make special grants to projects and organizations consistent with the vision and mission of the foundation. The Fund does not accept unsolicited proposals for the Discretionary Fund.

EXCLUSIONS

The Beldon Fund does not offer grants for:

- International efforts.
- Academic or university projects, unless they are directly linked to environmental advocacy and have impact well beyond the academic community.
- School or classroom-based environmental education.
- Acquisition of land.
- Forest, wildlife habitat/refuges, land, marine, river, lake, or wilderness preservation, protection, or restoration.
- Film, video, or radio production.
- Endowments.
- Capital campaigns.
- Deficit reduction.
- Acquisitions for museums or collections.
- Service delivery programs.
- Capital projects.
- Research.
- Arts and/or culture.
- Individuals.
- Scholarships.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

IF IMPROPER DISPOSAL
CONTACT LOCAL POLICE OR PUBLIC SAFETY
OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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WASTE NO. 100

RELATED MATERIAL

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GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Organizations seeking grants from the Fund should begin the process by submitting a letter of inquiry in accordance with our Program Guidelines. The Fund grants both general support and project-specific support for one year or for multiple years. Content requirements are specified under “Preparing Your Letter of Inquiry” below. We require letters of inquiry from all organizations seeking grants from the Fund, including former grantees and current grantees seeking renewal.

There is no specific limit on the number of requests we will consider from a single organization, nor is there a limit on the number of years we will continuously fund an organization. The amount granted depends on the scope of the project and the size of the applicant’s budget. (To learn more about the kinds of grants we provide, please visit our website to review the list of grants that we have awarded in the past.)

The Fund makes grants to public charities classified as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you do not have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, please indicate the name of the public charity that serves as your fiscal sponsor. We encourage you to review these Grant Application Procedures carefully and to visit the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website for more information.

Deadlines

The Fund’s staff reviews grant requests and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees, which makes funding decisions three times a year at its meetings, usually in winter, spring, and fall. Letters of inquiry and proposals (at the Fund’s invitation) must be received in our office within specified dates to be considered at the next Board meeting. Upcoming deadlines for letters of inquiry and proposals are listed under “Deadlines” in the Grant Applications Procedures posted on our website. Letters of inquiry and proposals received outside the specified dates will not be considered by the Fund. If a grant is awarded, we will inform you of the Board’s decision immediately following the Board meeting at which your proposal is discussed. Requests for funding may be denied at any time.

Preparing Your Letter of Inquiry

Grant seekers should familiarize themselves with the Fund’s Program Guidelines. Proposals are considered in three programs: Human Health and the Environment, Corporate Campaigns, and Key States. Applicants should consult the “Exclusions” section of the Program Guidelines to make sure that their type of project is one the Fund supports. If, after reviewing the Program Guidelines and the Exclusions, you wish to apply for a grant, you should submit a letter of inquiry to begin the process.

Please send us two copies of a letter of inquiry, of no more than three pages. Your letter must include the following information:

- Date.
- Name and address of organization.
- Executive director and contact person(s); telephone and fax numbers; and, if available, email and website addresses.
- Name, address, telephone number, and executive director of your fiscal sponsor, if applicable.
- A paragraph summarizing your organization's mission and work.
- A paragraph summarizing the purpose of your request and the activities to be supported (indicate whether you seek general or project support, and include the project title, if project funding is requested).
- A paragraph describing the outcomes (goals) to be achieved by your project or organization.
- A paragraph summarizing the proposal's relevance to the Beldon Fund's Program Guidelines, identifying the Beldon Fund program(s) to which your request applies.
- Total dollar amount requested and time period the grant will cover.
- Total dollar amount committed or requested from other funding sources and the names of those sources.
- Total dollar amount of your organizational budget for the current fiscal year.
- Total dollar amount of your actual organizational expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- Total dollar amount of the project budget for the current fiscal year, if applicable.
- The tax-exempt status of your organization or its fiscal sponsor.

Mail two copies of your letter of inquiry to Letters of Inquiry, Beldon Fund, 99 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Please note that your letter of inquiry must be received in our office within the dates specified under "Deadlines," on our website. We do not accept applications electronically or by fax at this time. Please do not submit examples of past work, articles, reports, books, videos, CDs or other supporting materials with your letter of inquiry. Our staff will promptly acknowledge the receipt of your letter of inquiry and give it careful consideration.

The Fund's Response to Your Letter of Inquiry

Within one month of the closing date for submission of letters of inquiry, organizations whose programs or projects fit the Beldon Fund's Program Guidelines will be invited to submit a full proposal with supporting materials. All other applicants will be notified that the Beldon Fund will not be able to support their request.

If you have questions about our Program Guidelines or Grant Application Procedures, or about the status of a letter of inquiry you have submitted, please feel free to contact our Grants Manager, Holeri Faruolo, toll free at 1-800-591-9595, or via email at info@beldon.org.

Preparing a Full Proposal

If your organization is invited to submit a full proposal, it need not be elaborate. Your proposal should include a narrative of five-to-seven pages, and supporting material as detailed below. Proposals prepared for other foundations are acceptable as long as they include all of the Beldon Fund's required information and attachments. Also acceptable are the National Network of Grantmakers' Common Grant Application or an application used by another regional association of grant makers.

Please send us two complete copies of the proposal package. The proposal package should consist of the narrative plus financial information and attachments.

Your five-to-seven page narrative should include:

- Organization background, including accomplishments and qualifications, particularly as they relate to the purpose for which you are requesting support.
- Immediate problems or needs to be addressed by your project or organization.
- The target population or community served by your project or organization and how that constituency is involved in the design and implementation of your work.
- Long-term systemic or social change being sought.
- Strategies for implementing the work and a timetable for achieving outcomes (goals).
- Plan for evaluating the work (including criteria for success), and for disseminating the findings.
- If appropriate, a plan for continuing the work beyond the grant period.

Your financial information should include:

- Organizational budget for the current fiscal year.
- Actual organizational income and expenses for the past two years.
- List of your organization's (and, your project's, if applicable) ten largest foundation sources of funding and the dollar amounts committed or pending for the current fiscal year.
- List of your organization's ten largest foundation sources of funding over the last five years and their cumulative grant totals.
- For project grant requests, an annual project budget (for multi-year requests, include an annual budget for each year for which you request funding).
- For project grant requests, a statement of actual project income and expenses for the past two years, if available.

Include the following attachments:

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and all IRS rulings or notices regarding the tax-exempt status of your organization.
- If your organization does not have 501(c)(3) status, send the name and IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter of your organization's fiscal sponsor.

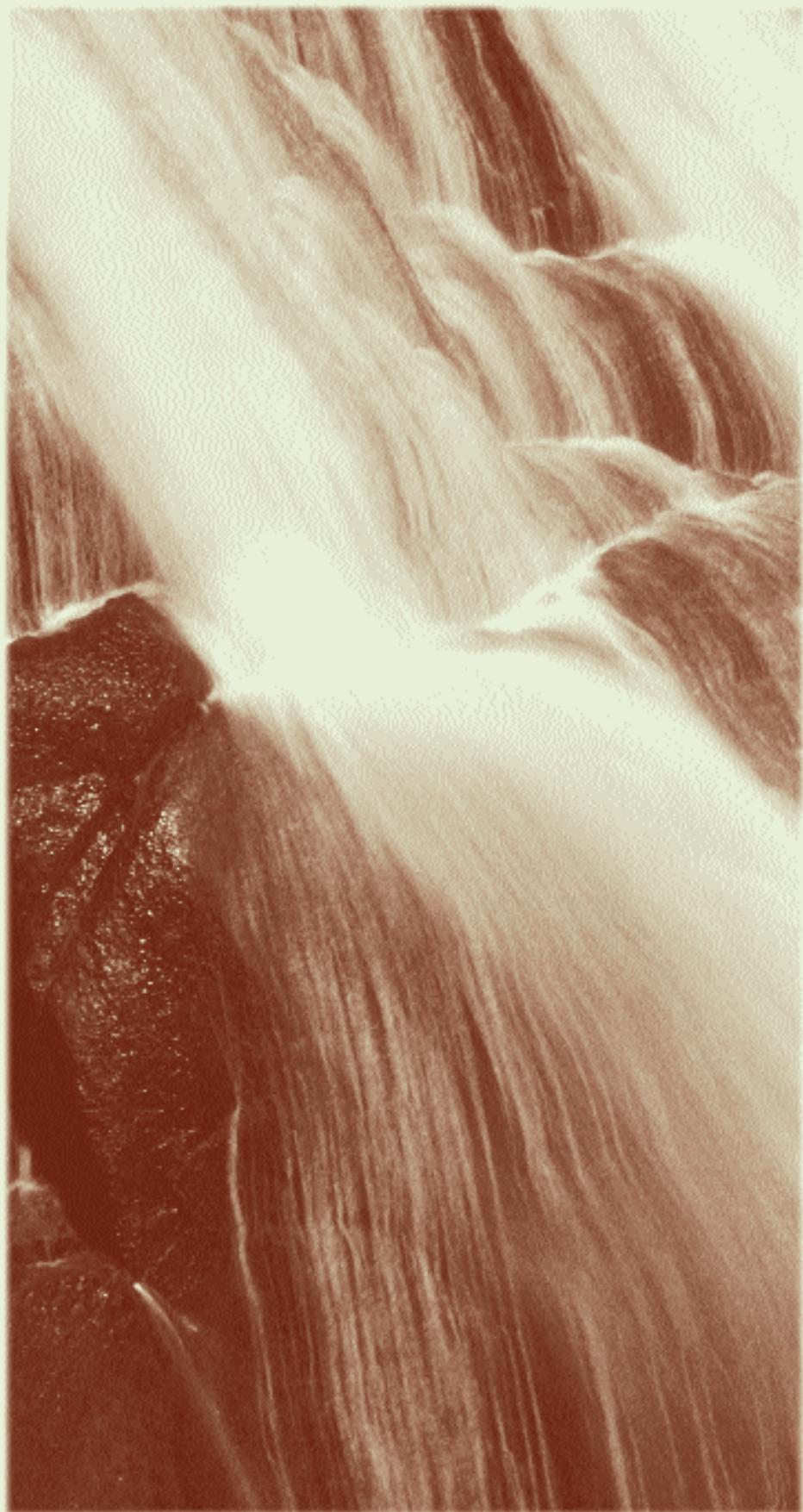
- A letter from the fiscal sponsor, if applicable, confirming its Board's authorization to sponsor your project or organization and that your project or organization's purpose is consistent with the fiscal sponsor's exempt purpose, and a letter of agreement between your organization and the fiscal sponsor outlining the terms of this relationship.
- Most recent audited financial statements.
- Most recent IRS Form 990, including any schedules and attachments.
- Most recent annual report describing your organization's activities, if one is published.
- If your organization has made a 501 (h) election, please include a copy of Form 5768 (Election to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation).
- List of your organization's Board of Directors and staff (describe Board and staff responsibilities, work and leadership experience, and criteria for board selection).
- List of member organizations, if applicable.

We encourage you to submit an environmentally sensitive application: avoid folders, plastic covers, or binders and use double-sided copying where possible.

Mail two complete copies of the proposal package to Grant Proposals, Beldon Fund, 99 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016. (Because proposals require a number of attachments, we do not accept proposals electronically or by fax.) Please note that your proposal must be received in our office within the dates listed under "Deadlines," on our website.

Our staff will promptly acknowledge receipt of your proposal. During our review of your proposal, we may contact you for additional information or material. A request for additional information should not be interpreted as a guarantee of future support. If a grant is awarded, you will be asked to sign a Grant Agreement that describes the reporting and other requirements of the grant. If you have questions about the status of the proposal you have submitted, or if there are significant changes or news that you would like us to know about during the course of our review, please feel free to contact the program officer who invited your proposal toll free at 1-800-591-9595.

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THE BELDON II FUND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Beldon II Fund
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We have audited the balance sheet—modified cash basis of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2000, and the related statements of activities—modified cash basis and cash flows—modified cash basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year financial statements were audited by another auditor whose report dated May 12, 2000, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 2, these financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position—modified cash basis of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2000, its changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Respectfully submitted,



Owen J. Flanagan & Company
New York, New York
July 2, 2001

BALANCE SHEETS-MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
 EXHIBIT A

| ASSETS | 2000 | 1999 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 99,726 | \$ 261,295 |
| Investments | 79,506,290 | 78,270,958 |
| Rental deposits | 37,360 | 55,950 |
| Travel advances | 5,329 | 788 |
| | <u>79,648,705</u> | <u>78,588,991</u> |
| FIXED ASSETS | | |
| Equipment | 104,813 | 92,692 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 99,432 | 70,190 |
| Leasehold improvements | 704,696 | 621,196 |
| | 908,941 | 784,078 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (189,654) | (71,704) |
| | <u>719,287</u> | <u>712,374</u> |
| <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>\$80,367,992</u> | <u>\$79,301,365</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Grants payable | | |
| Current | \$ 4,779,000 | \$ 250,000 |
| Long-term | 1,550,000 | 400,000 |
| Payroll related liabilities | 13,893 | 13,217 |
| <u>Total Liabilities</u> | <u>6,342,893</u> | <u>663,217</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | <u>74,025,099</u> | <u>78,638,148</u> |
| <u>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</u> | <u>\$80,367,992</u> | <u>\$79,301,365</u> |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES-MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
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| | 2000 | 1999 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SUPPORT AND REVENUE | | |
| Contributions | \$ - | \$ 53,009 |
| Interest | 3,895,975 | 3,744,394 |
| Dividends | 563,580 | 1,094,612 |
| Gain on sale of investments | <u>8,765,738</u> | <u>6,668,591</u> |
| <u>Total Support and Revenues</u> | <u>13,225,293</u> | <u>11,560,606</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Program | | |
| Grants | 14,915,000 | 2,401,582 |
| Matching gifts | 3,550 | - |
| Foundation directed projects | <u>192,947</u> | <u>15,917</u> |
| Total Program Expense | <u>15,111,497</u> | <u>2,417,499</u> |
| Administration | | |
| Accounting | 33,691 | 23,384 |
| Bank charges | 381 | 790 |
| Board meetings, conferences and meals | 95,999 | 57,127 |
| Consultants | 198,138 | 330,166 |
| Depreciation | 117,950 | 64,972 |
| Equipment | 31,701 | 4,095 |
| Excise taxes | 171,009 | 1,646,020 |
| Insurance | 1,198 | 2,619 |
| Investment fees | 351,388 | 207,935 |
| Legal | 60,981 | 31,202 |
| Memberships | 24,572 | 6,220 |
| Moving expenses | 56,168 | 130,961 |
| Office supplies | 50,999 | 23,223 |
| Payroll taxes and benefits | 224,692 | 82,023 |
| Reimbursed expenses | - | (3,708) |
| Rent | 160,769 | 188,737 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 27,137 | 2,568 |
| Salaries | 919,729 | 421,610 |
| Telephone | 55,783 | 22,905 |
| Travel | <u>144,560</u> | <u>63,018</u> |
| Total Administration Expense | <u>2,726,845</u> | <u>3,305,867</u> |
| <u>Total Expenses</u> | <u>17,838,342</u> | <u>5,723,366</u> |
| Change in Net Assets | (4,613,049) | 5,837,240 |
| Net Assets, beginning of year | <u>78,638,148</u> | <u>72,800,908</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</u> | <u>\$74,025,099</u> | <u>\$78,638,148</u> |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999
 EXHIBIT C

| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) | 2000 | 1999 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Change in net assets | \$(4,613,049) | \$ 5,837,240 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 117,950 | 64,972 |
| Gain on sale of investments | (8,765,738) | (6,668,591) |
| Contributed investments | - | (53,009) |
| (Increase) decrease in advances | (4,541) | (788) |
| (Increase) decrease in rental deposits | 18,590 | (44,950) |
| Increase (decrease) in grants payable | 5,679,000 | 322,500 |
| Increase (decrease) in payroll-related liabilities | 676 | 12,781 |
| | <u>(7,567,112)</u> | <u>(529,845)</u> |
| FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (124,863) | (771,348) |
| Purchases of investments | (38,463,635) | (89,381,980) |
| Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments | 45,994,041 | 90,756,179 |
| | <u>7,405,543</u> | <u>602,851</u> |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash | (161,569) | 73,006 |
| Cash, beginning of year | <u>261,295</u> | <u>188,289</u> |
| Cash, end of year | <u>\$ 99,726</u> | <u>\$ 261,295</u> |
| <u>Supplemental Information:</u> | | |
| Cash paid for excise taxes | <u>\$ 171,009</u> | <u>\$ 1,646,020</u> |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

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NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

The Beldon II Fund (the Fund) was established in 1988 as a private foundation organized to distribute monies to public charities involved in environmental preservation.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Fund's financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Revenue is generally recognized when collected rather than when earned, and expenses are generally recognized when paid rather than when incurred. However, the Fund does record depreciation of furniture and equipment and recognizes grants payable in the year they are awarded rather than in the year they are paid.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingencies, if any, at the date of financial statements and revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

INVESTMENTS

Purchased investments are stated at cost and donated investments are stated at the donor's basis. Gains and losses in value are recognized when the investments are sold.

FIXED ASSETS, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Equipment | 3-7 years |
| Furniture and fixtures | 7 years |
| Leasehold improvements | 10 years |

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

The Fund's investments consist of the following as of December 31, 2000 and 1999:

| | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Cost | Market | Cost | Market |
| Money market funds | \$ 4,334,429 | \$ 4,334,429 | \$ 5,818,294 | \$ 5,818,294 |
| U.S. government securities | 17,987,610 | 18,461,974 | 26,187,697 | 25,482,797 |
| Corporate bonds | 17,713,009 | 17,400,193 | 20,927,020 | 20,198,924 |
| Common stock | 13,058,924 | 30,672,994 | 6,154,608 | 28,792,770 |
| Asset backed securities | 26,412,318 | 26,787,097 | 18,287,834 | 17,793,996 |
| Index fund | - | - | 895,505 | 954,232 |
| | <u>\$79,506,290</u> | <u>\$97,656,687</u> | <u>\$78,270,958</u> | <u>\$99,041,013</u> |

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NOTE 4. RELATED PARTIES

The Fund pays all administrative expenses for the Beldon Fund, which is a separate private foundation that has the same founder and president as Beldon II Fund. Management has not quantified the amount of administrative expenses paid for Beldon Fund in 2000 or 1999, but believes they are of an immaterial amount.

In 1999, John Hunting and Associates (the Company) shared office space and office supplies with the Fund and reimbursed the Fund monthly for its allocated portion of office space and supplies. The Company paid the Fund \$3,708 in 1999 for its share of these allocated expenses. The Fund's President is the owner of John Hunting and Associates.

NOTE 5. FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES

The Fund's investment income, reduced by certain allowable expenses, is subject to federal excise tax at a rate of either 1% or 2%. The Fund was required to pay excise tax at the 1% rate for 2000 and the 2% rate for 1999. Excise tax of \$171,009 and \$1,646,020 was paid during 2000 and 1999, respectively. The majority of the 1999 payments related to 1998 investment activity.

The Fund is also required to make minimum annual charitable distributions within certain time periods. The required distribution is 5% of the fair market value of investment assets, less the excise tax on investment income. The Fund has satisfied this requirement.

NOTE 6. LEASE COMMITMENTS

During 1999, the Fund entered into several leases, with varying terms, at 380 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY. All lease terms terminated by December 31, 1999. Security deposits, totaling \$22,400, were required for all lease agreements.

The Fund also entered into a 10-year lease for office space at 99 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, beginning June 1, 1999. A security deposit of \$33,750 was required under the terms of the lease. Minimum lease payments required by the lease are \$135,000 per year, terminating May 31, 2009.

NOTE 7. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Fund maintains a defined contribution plan. All full-time, permanent employees are vested based upon a graduated schedule which provides full vesting at six years of service. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan on the first day of the month following three months of service. Each year the Fund contributes up to 5% of participants' gross salary to the plan. Contributions for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999 were \$40,746 and \$14,798, respectively.

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NOTE 8. CONTINGENT GRANTS

At December 31, 2000 the Fund had made a grant to an organization contingent on its receiving tax exempt status. The grantee did not receive its exempt status until 2001. This grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 has not been recorded by the Fund.

NOTE 9. LONG TERM GRANTS PAYABLE

The Foundation estimates its long term grant commitments will be paid as follows:

| | |
|------|--------------------|
| 2002 | \$1,450,000 |
| 2003 | <u>100,000</u> |
| | <u>\$1,550,000</u> |

No provision has been made to discount these grants to their present value.

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