

THE SCHERMAN FOUNDATION, INC.

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Scherman Foundation was founded in 1941 by Harry Scherman, founder of the Book-of-the-Month Club, as a small family foundation. From a modest giving program, averaging about one hundred thousand dollars a year, the Scherman Foundation has grown and broadened its interests. To date, it has made more than 6,761 grants, totaling almost 110 million dollars.

The giving program of the Foundation emphasizes long-term general support, reflecting the Directors' commitment to sustained support for current grantees, and the belief that strong nonprofit leaders who are closest to the issues can best decide on the most effective use of grant funds.

The main areas of interest of the Scherman Foundation are the environment, human rights and liberties, peace and security, reproductive rights and services, the arts, and social welfare. In the last two areas particularly, preference is given to organizations in New York City. The Foundation does not fund colleges, universities or professional schools. No grants are made for medical, science or engineering research, nor does the Foundation make grants to capital campaigns, individuals, or in support of conferences, specific media or arts productions.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Grants are made only to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Applications which fall within the scope of interests of the Foundation are considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors at its meetings held four times a year. Meeting dates are flexible.

Request for support should be made in a brief letter of inquiry to the President outlining the purpose for which funds are sought. In addition to a brief program description, helpful information to include with your inquiry:

- Board of Directors and key personnel lists
- Current year budget
- Present sources of support, including other foundation funders
- Evidence of tax status

If additional information or a meeting is required, it will be requested.

Applicants will generally be advised within eight weeks if a proposal has been declined or is under consideration.

The Foundation does not accept proposals via fax or the Internet. Do not submit video or audio cassettes or CD's, unless requested to do so.

The Foundation does not maintain a mailing list, nor does it produce publications other than an Annual Report, which may be downloaded from the Foundation's Website.

THE SCHERMAN FOUNDATION, INC.

DIRECTORS

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STAFF

Sandra Silverman	President and Executive Director
Mike Pratt	Treasurer and Program Officer
Nancy T. Handler	Administrator
Melissa A. Fowler	Administrative Assistant

* deceased March 27, 2007

GRANTS

For the year ended December 31, 2008
Summary

The Arts	\$ 510,000
Environment	885,000
Human Rights and Liberties	260,000
Peace and Security	215,000
Reproductive Rights and Services	447,500
Social Welfare	1,197,500
Miscellaneous	354,800
Employee Matching Gifts	<u>5,300</u>
TOTAL GRANTS	\$ 3,875,100

Unless otherwise indicated, grants are for general support

* Represents a two-year grant

THE ARTS

Alliance of Resident Theatres/New York New York, NY	20,000 *
Ballet Hispanico of New York New York, NY	20,000 *
Bronx Council on the Arts Bronx, NY	20,000 *
The Bronx Opera Company Bronx, NY	20,000 *
Brooklyn Academy of Music Brooklyn, NY	50,000 *
Brooklyn Arts Exchange Brooklyn, NY	20,000 *
Classic Stage Company New York, NY	20,000 *
Dance Theater Workshop New York, NY	30,000 *
Ensemble Studio Theatre New York, NY	20,000 *
Great Small Works New York, NY	25,000
	<i>2-year grant (\$20,000*)</i>
	<i>Matching grant (\$5,000)</i>
Joyce Theater Foundation New York, NY	30,000 *
National Dance Institute New York, NY	25,000 *
New Dramatists New York, NY	25,000 *
New York City Ballet New York, NY	42,500
	<i>2-year grant (\$15,000*)</i>
	<i>Matching grants (\$27,500)</i>
New York City Center New York, NY	15,000
Performance Space 122 New York, NY	12,500
St. Ann's Warehouse Brooklyn, NY	10,000
St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble New York, NY	25,000 *

THE ARTS (continued)

Signature Theatre Company New York, NY	10,000
Sphinx Organization Detroit, MI	20,000 *
Symphony Space New York, NY	30,000 *
Vineyard Theater New York, NY	20,000 *
Total, The Arts	510,000

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007 and 2008) in the Arts Program:

Aaron Davis Hall (Harlem Stage)	New York City Opera
Atlantic Theater Company	New York Festival of Song
Bronx Museum of the Arts	New York Foundation for the Arts
Brooklyn Museum	New York Shakespeare Festival
Brooklyn Philharmonic	New York Theatre Workshop
Brooklyn Youth Chorus Academy	New York Youth Symphony
Center for Traditional Music and Dance	Playwrights Horizons
City Lore	Poets House
Classical Theatre of Harlem	Queens Museum of Art
Culture Project	School of American Ballet
Dancing in the Streets	Second Stage Theatre
Harlem School of the Arts	Studio Museum in Harlem
Home for Contemporary Theatre and Arts (HERE)	Theatre for a New Audience
Manhattan Graphics Center	Third Street Music School Settlement

ENVIRONMENT

1Sky Education Fund Takoma Park, MD	50,000
Added Value Brooklyn, NY	30,000 *
Ceres Boston, MA	50,000 *
Chesapeake Climate Action Network Takoma Park, MD	30,000 *
Earthjustice Oakland, CA	65,000 *
EARTHWORKS Washington, DC	15,000
Energy Action Coalition Washington, DC	25,000
Environment America (formerly USPIRG Education Fund) Washington, DC	50,000 *
<i>Global Warming Solutions Campaign</i>	
Environmental Defense Fund New York, NY	50,000 *
<i>Living Cities activities for New York City</i>	
Environmental Grantmakers Association New York, NY	15,000
Green Guerillas New York, NY	30,000 *
ICLIE-USA Oakland, CA	50,000 *
<i>For climate change work</i>	
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund Washington, DC	85,000
<i>2-year grant (\$60,000*)</i>	
<i>One-time grant for climate advocacy (\$25,000)</i>	

ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance New York, NY	20,000
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators Washington, DC	25,000 *
Natural Resources Defense Council New York, NY <i>Climate Center</i>	75,000 *
Oceana Washington, DC	20,000
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility Washington, DC	30,000 *
Rainforest Action Network San Francisco, CA <i>Climate change activities</i>	50,000 *
Rocking the Boat Bronx, NY	30,000 *
Tri-State Transportation New York, NY <i>For New York City work</i>	55,000 *
Trustees for Alaska Anchorage, AK	15,000
Western Resource Advocates Boulder, CO	20,000
Total, Environment	885,000

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Environmental Program:

Alaska Conservation Foundation	NY Public Interest Research Group/Clean Drinking Water Coalition
American Littoral Society	NY Public Interest Research Group/Straphangers Campaign
City Parks Foundation	New Yorkers for Parks
Conservation Law Foundation	Prospect Park Alliance
Defenders of Wildlife	Public Health Institute/Blue Green Alliance
Environmental Advocates	Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks
Friends of the Earth	Southern Environmental Law Center
Green Corps	Transportation Alternatives
Greenpeace Fund	Trust for Public Land/New York City Program
Healthy Schools Network	Union of Concerned Scientists
Land Trust Alliance/Northeast Program	Western Environmental Law Center
New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	

HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Human Rights First New York, NY	40,000 *
Human Rights Watch New York, NY	55,000 *
New York Civil Liberties Foundation New York, NY	45,000 *
New York Immigration Coalition New York, NY <i>2-year grant (\$55,000*) 20th anniversary celebration (\$5,000)</i>	60,000
People for the American Way Foundation Washington, DC	20,000
Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund New York, NY	40,000 *
Total, Human Rights and Liberties	260,000

HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (continued)

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Human Rights and Liberties Program:

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation	Electronic Privacy Information Center
Brennan Center for Social Justice	Global Fund for Women
Center for Constitutional Rights	NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

PEACE AND SECURITY

Government Accountability Project Washington, DC	40,000 *
Institute for Science and International Security Washington, DC	45,000 *
Monterey Institute of International Studies Monterey, CA <i>Center for Nonproliferation Studies</i>	35,000 *
Peace Action Education Fund Silver Spring, MD	25,000 *
Project on Government Oversight Washington, DC	40,000 *
Women's Action for New Directions Education Fund Arlington, MA	30,000 *
Total, Peace and Security	215,000

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Peace and Security Program:

Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation	Public Education Center/National Security News Service
Physicians for Social Responsibility	

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND SERVICES

The Center for Reproductive Rights New York, NY	90,000 *
Community Healthcare Network New York, NY	40,000 *
Engender Health New York, NY	60,000 *
Feminist Majority Foundation Arlington, VA	40,000 *
Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health and Rights Rockville, MD	7,500
International Planned Parenthood Federation/ Western Hemisphere Region New York, NY	30,000 *
Medical Students for Choice Philadelphia, PA	30,000 *
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health New York, NY	25,000 *
National Abortion Federation Washington, DC	40,000 *
National Women's Health Network Washington, DC	20,000
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association Washington, DC	50,000 *
Population Connection Washington, DC	15,000
Total, Reproductive Rights and Service	447,500

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND SERVICES (continued)

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Reproductive Rights and Services Program:

Advocates for Youth	Pathfinder International
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation/Reproductive Freedom Project	Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
Catholics for a Free Choice	Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.
Centre for Development and Population Activities	Planned Parenthood of New York City
Choice USA	Population Action International
International Women's Health Coalition	Pro-Choice Public Education Project
Ipas	Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Educational Fund
Ms. Foundation for Women/Reproductive Rights Coalition and Organizing Fund	Sexuality Information & Education Council of the United States
National Institute for Reproductive Health	

SOCIAL WELFARE

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A Brooklyn, NY <i>Community & Economic Development Unit</i>	30,000 *
The Brotherhood/Sister Sol New York, NY	30,000 *
Center for Community Change Washington, DC	60,000 *
Citizens Committee for New York City New York, NY <i>2-year grant (\$40,000*) Traffic congestion project (\$20,000*)</i>	60,000 *
City-Wide Task Force on Housing Court New York, NY	30,000 *
Community Resource Exchange New York, NY	30,000 *
The Correctional Association of New York New York, NY	25,000 *
Center for Alternative Sentencing & Employment Service New York, NY	35,000 *
The Door - A Center of Alternatives New York, NY	40,000 *
East Harlem Tutorial Program New York, NY	15,000
Families United for Racial & Economic Equality Brooklyn, NY	30,000 *
The Fifth Avenue Committee Brooklyn, NY	50,000 *
Food Bank for New York City New York, NY	25,000
Fresh Youth Initiatives New York, NY	35,000 *
Greenhope Services for Women New York, NY	15,000
InMotion New York, NY	30,000 *
Lawyers Alliance for New York New York, NY	30,000 *
Make the Road New York Brooklyn, NY	60,000 *
MFY Legal Services New York, NY	45,000 *

SOCIAL WELFARE (continued)

Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project New York, NY	20,000
New York Agency for Community Affairs New York, NY <i>New York ACORN</i>	40,000 *
New York City Coalition Against Hunger New York, NY	40,000 *
Nontraditional Employment for Women New York, NY	40,000 *
The Osborne Foundation New York, NY	70,000 *
Pratt Center for Community Development Brooklyn, NY	32,500
UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York New York, NY	75,000
United Neighborhood Houses New York, NY	75,000 *
Urban Homesteading Assistance Board New York, NY	40,000 *
Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation Bronx, NY	50,000 *
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice Bronx, NY	40,000 *
Total, Social Welfare	1,197,500

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Social Welfare Program:

Abyssinian Development Corporation	Legal Services for New York City
Andrew Glover Youth Program	National Center for Law and Economic Justice
Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development	National Women's Law Center
Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
Center for Court Innovation	New York State Tenants & Neighbors Information Service
Chess-in-the-Schools	Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition
City Futures, Inc.	Point Community Development Corporation
City Harvest	Project Hospitality
Community Voices Heard	Sanctuary for Families
Good Old Lower East Side	Sustainable South Bronx
LEAP/Brooklyn Workforce Innovations	UPROSE
The Legal Aid Society/Civil Division	Vocational Foundation

MISCELLANEOUS

Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Foundation Washington, DC	30,000
The Center for Investigative Reporting Berkeley, CA	15,000
The Center for Policy Alternatives Washington, DC <i>Half of 2-year grant returned</i>	-15,000
The Center for Public Integrity Washington, DC	30,000 *
Civic Engagement Fund Washington, DC	25,000
Common Cause Education Fund Washington, DC	10,000
Focus Project, Inc. Washington, DC <i>OMB Watch</i>	40,000 *
The Foundation Center New York, NY	5,000

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

Lower East Side Tenement Museum New York, NY	10,000
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy Washington, DC	30,000 *
Neighborhood Funders Group Washington, DC	2,000
New York Regional Association of Grantmakers New York, NY	5,800
Progressive States Network New York, NY	15,000
Project Vote Washington, DC	40,000
Public Interest Projects New York, NY	2,000
<i>Funders Committee for Civic Participation</i>	
Taxpayers for Common Sense Washington, DC	30,000 *
WNYC Foundation New York, NY	30,000 *
Women's Voices. Women Vote. Washington, DC	25,000
Working America Education Fund Washington, DC	<u>25,000</u>
Total, Miscellaneous	354,800

In 2007, the following organizations received two-year grants (for 2007-2008) in the Miscellaneous Program:
 Alliance for Justice
 Center for Policy Alternatives
 Demos: A Network for Ideas & Action
 MinutemanMedia.org

Total program grants	\$ 3,869,800
Employee Matching Gifts	<u>5,300</u>
Grand Total	\$ 3,875,100

Summary of Financial Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Changes in unrestricted net assets

Revenues

Interest	\$ 533,555
Dividends	1,256,270
Loss on investments	<u>(23,883,079)</u>
	<u>\$ (22,093,254)</u>

Expenses

Grants	\$ 3,875,100
Investment	513,654
General and administrative	<u>935,441</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 5,324,195</u>

Decrease in unrestricted net assets (27,417,449)

Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year \$ 86,533,617

Unrestricted net assets, end of year \$ 59,116,168

Statement of Assets at December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,258,164
Investments	53,968,619
Other	<u>25,353</u>

Total assets **\$ 59,252,136**

Liabilities - Accrued expenses 135,968

Unrestricted net assets \$ 59,116,168

Total Liabilities and net assets **\$ 59,252,136**