



The Overbrook Foundation

2016 Annual Report on Grants

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The Overbrook Foundation is a progressive family foundation that supports organizations advancing human rights and conserving the natural environment.

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The Annual Report on Grants provides Directors with a concise summary of all grants awarded in 2016 and offers a preview of program direction for the upcoming year. A quick review of 2016 program highlights follows below.

In 2016, The Overbrook Foundation's Environment and Human Rights Programs Awarded 96 Grants totaling \$4,137,500. Of those awards, 49 were grants awarded in the Environment Program, for a total of \$2,190,000, while 47 grants, totaling \$1,947,500 were awarded in the Human Rights Program. In the Environment Program, approximately three quarters of all grant dollars awarded were directed at Latin American Biodiversity Conservation, Behavioral Change and Movement Building. Corporate Practices was the next largest component with remaining funds awarded for Innovation, Food and the Environment and Other.

Dollars awarded for Human Rights Program grantmaking were divided among five separate initiatives: U.S. Gender Rights, domestic Human Rights, Money in Politics, International Human Rights Defenders and International Other. U. S. Gender Rights, International Human Rights Defenders and Money in Politics received about 80% of total awarded support in 2016. Domestic Human Rights received approximately 15% of awarded support with the remaining 4% going to International Other.

Funds awarded to the Environment and Human Rights Programs in 2016 reflect the decisions reached by the Board of Directors in 2015 and finalized in 2016 for the Foundation's Strategic Plan. The Environment Program had seven initiatives in varying stages of development during 2016 while the Human Rights Program had four active initiatives. At the beginning of 2017, the Board approved a new focus on mass incarceration and mass criminalization for the Foundation's domestic human rights initiative as the last component of the new Strategic Plan.

The Environment Program made several key changes in its staffing as the Foundation moved into 2017. Samantha Harvey, who in her role as Environment Program Officer focused on advancing the work of the Building Equity and Alignment (BEA-I) Initiative and Movement Building, left the Foundation at the end of 2016 and has now embedded her work in the grassroots environment community. Alex DeMucha, Environment Program Assistant, accepted a position at Earthjustice where she will continue to grow her career as an environmental activist. Samantha and Alex are missed and their replacements have big shoes to fill.

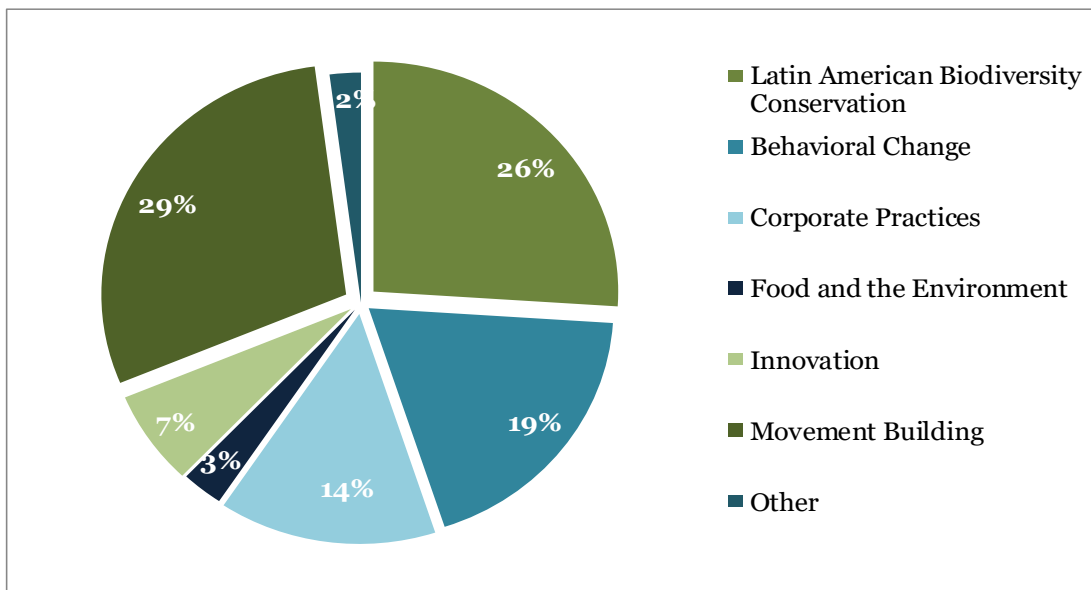
Joining the Foundation in 2017 are: Catherine "Katie" Gwathmey as Environment Program Assistant and Benjamin "Benji" Jones as Environment Program Associate. Both have impressive resumes for individuals so early in their careers.

Sarah Abelow, Human Rights Program Officer and Stephen Foster, the Foundation's President continue to jointly oversee the Human Rights Program. Beginning to build a portfolio of grants around mass criminalization and mass incarceration will be a key piece of their work in 2017.

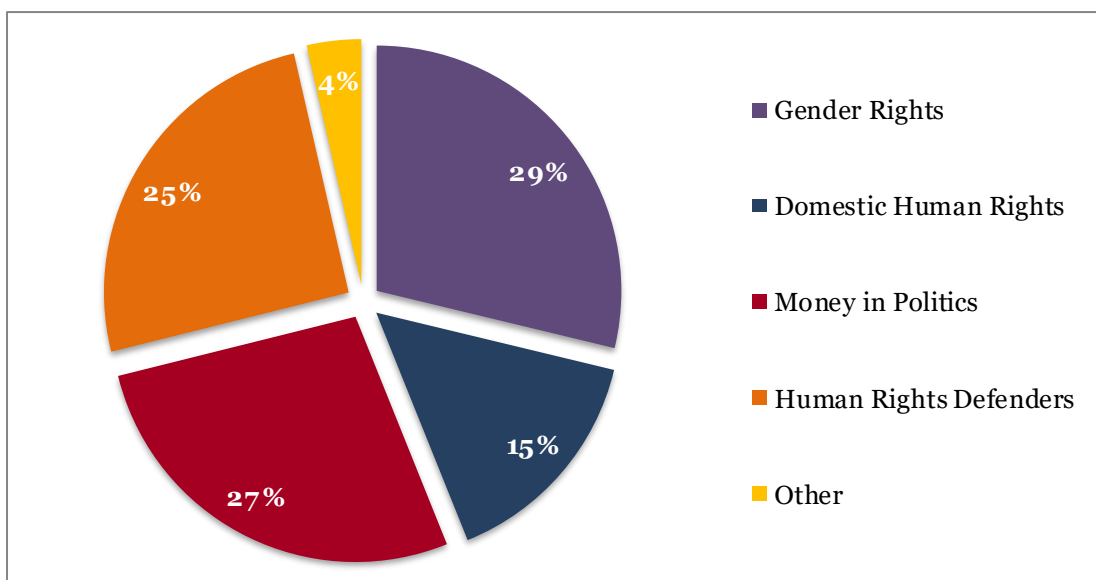
All program staff are engaged in launching the Foundation's newest initiative, The Overbrook Fund Supporting Coalition Building, Resistance, Organizing and Litigation. The Fund is designed to support innovative strategies building stronger coalitions and movements, mobilizing people to organize resistance and engaging in litigation that challenges attacks on human rights and the environment. Staff is working closely with other funders to increase the pool of funds available to support these resistance efforts for more effective and helpful grantmaking in this pivotal moment.



Environment Grants Awarded 2016



Human Rights Grants Awarded 2016



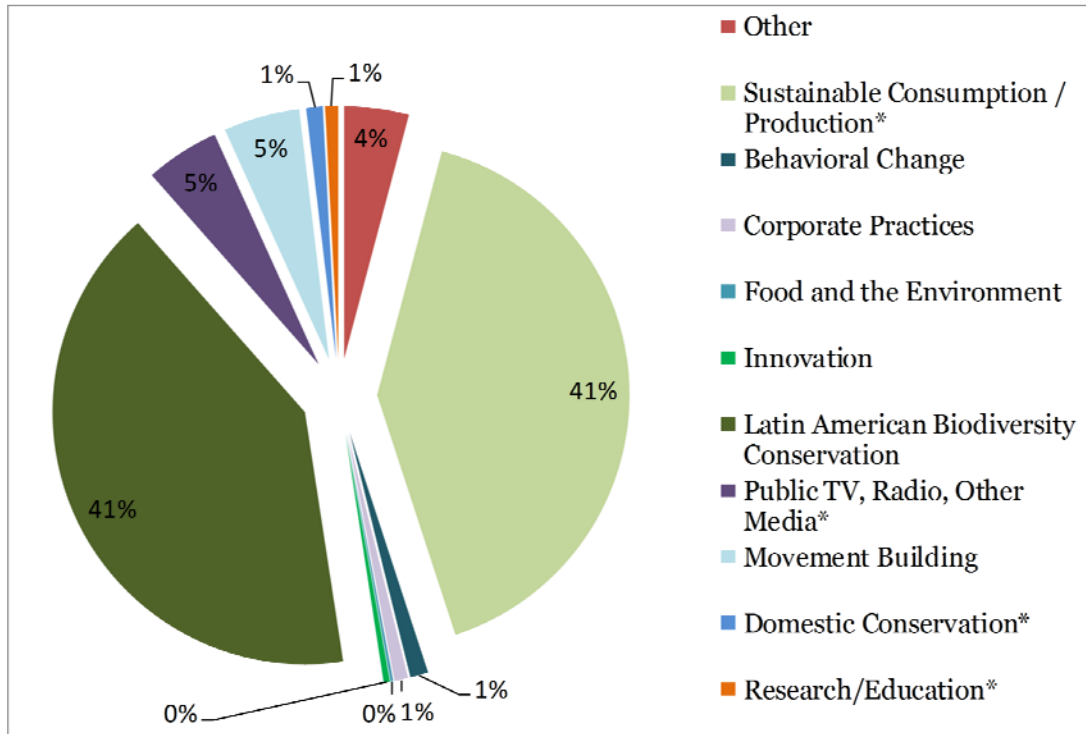
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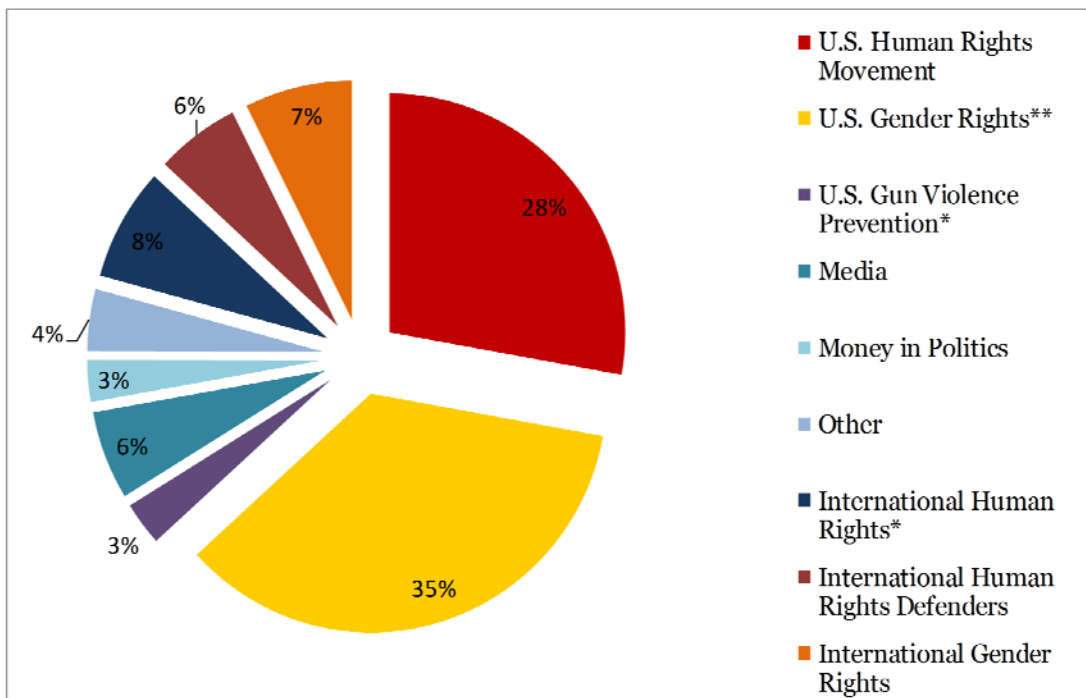
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Environment Grants Awarded: 2000-2016



Human Rights Grants Awarded: 2000-2016



Between 2000 and 2016, The Overbrook Foundation's Environment and Human Rights Programs Awarded Approximately \$74,502,113 in Grants.

** Categories are currently Inactive*

*** U.S. Gender Rights includes: Marriage Equality/LGBT Rights, Reproductive Justice, and HIV/AIDS*



The Human Rights Program: Grants Awarded in 2016

In 2016, Overbrook's human rights grantmaking focused on three programmatic initiatives. Internationally, the Foundation funded organizations that defend human rights defenders at risk in Central America and Mexico. These groups provide legal assistance, training, emergency grants, advocacy, accompaniment, networks and/or psychosocial support to human rights defenders. Domestically, the Foundation funds organizations challenging the undue influence of moneyed interests in the U.S. political system. These organizations are working to make our government and policy makers more accountable to the people by reforming the role of money in our political system. The Foundation's gender rights program supports organizations working across reproductive justice and LGBT rights issues. This includes a focus on funding organizations advancing the reproductive justice movement and those challenging overly broad religious exemptions being used to undermine LGBT rights, racial justice and reproductive justice. Finally, the Foundation is exploring a newer area of grantmaking around challenging mass criminalization and incarceration, and advancing human rights, building on Overbrook's long term support for organizations strengthening a U.S. human rights movement. This initiative remains in development.

Domestic Human Rights

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American Civil Liberties Union Foundation

Human Rights to Advance Civil Liberties
\$60,000

Innocence Project

General Operating Support: Uniting Science and Law on Behalf of Justice
\$40,000

JustLeadershipUSA

General Operating Support
\$25,000

National Economic & Social Rights Initiative

General Operating Support
\$50,000

New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation

General Operating Support
\$35,000

Solitary Watch (Institute for Nonprofit News—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$30,000

US Human Rights Network

Leadership Transition
\$5,000

US Human Rights Network

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Domestic Human Rights: \$295,000

Gender Rights

Advocates for Youth

Promoting the Reproductive Justice Perspective through Youth Mobilization and Engagement
\$40,000

Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program/Hampshire College

General Operating Support
\$40,000

CoreAlign (New Venture Fund—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Forward Together

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health and Rights

Rockwood Fellowship
\$20,000

Groundswell Fund

General Operating Support
\$75,000

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

Law and Policy Project
\$60,000

National Advocates for Pregnant Women

General Operating Support
\$60,000

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (Tides Center—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support (\$30,000) & Executive Director Transition (\$10,000)
\$40,000

The University of Oklahoma Women's and Gender Studies Program Center for Social Justice (University of Oklahoma Foundation)

Take Root: Red State Perspectives on Reproductive Justice
\$10,000

Third Wave Fund (Proteus Fund—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$50,000

URGE

General Operating Support
\$35,000

Western States Center

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Gender Rights: \$560,000

Money in Politics

Brennan Center for Justice of NYU School of Law

General Operating Support
\$100,000

Demos: A Network for Ideas & Action

Inclusive Democracy Partnership
\$100,000

Free Speech For People

General Operating Support
\$50,000

New York Public Radio

On the Media
\$40,000

Not An Alternative, Inc.

The Natural History Museum
\$20,000

Proteus Fund, Inc.

Piper Fund's Collaborative Communications Initiative
\$75,000



The Human Rights Program: Grants Awarded in 2016

Proteus Fund, Inc.

*Piper Fund's New Florida Majority–
Education Fund*

\$25,000

Represent.Us Education Fund

General Operating Support

\$75,000

Restaurant Opportunities

Centers United

*Inserting Money in Politics into a One
Fair Wage Campaign*

\$10,000

The New Press

For Books Related to Money in Politics

\$35,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for
Money in Politics : \$530,000

**Total Amount in Active Grants
for Domestic Human Rights Pro-
gram: \$1,385,000**

International Human Rights

Human Rights Defenders

Amazon Conservation Team

*Linking Human Rights and Environ-
mental Protection in the Colombian*

Amazon

\$17,500

American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

*Promoting Human Rights for
Marginalized People in Mesoamerica,
with a Special Focus on Human*

Rights Defenders

\$50,000

Center for Justice and International Law

General Operating Support

\$40,000

Committee to Protect Journalists

Press Freedom in the Americas

\$25,000

Environmental Defender Law Center

General Operating Support

\$60,000

Front Line USA

*Protection of Latin American Human
Rights Defenders*

\$50,000

Indian Law Resource Center

*Protecting Maya Q'eqchi' Lands and
Resources in Guatemala*

\$35,000

Just Associates, Inc.

*Mesoamerican WHRD Initiative,
Honduran WHRD Network, and JASS
in Honduras.*

\$40,000

Peace Brigades International - USA

*Providing Protective Accompaniment
Support to Human Rights Defenders
in Latin America*

\$50,000

Unit for Protection of Human Rights Defenders - Guatemala (UDEFEQUA)

General Operating Support

\$25,000

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

*Integral Approach to Supporting
WHRDs: Rapid Response Grantmak-
ing, Training, Networking and*

Advocacy

\$50,000

WITNESS

*General Operating Support—Latin
America*

\$50,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for In-
ternational Human Rights Defenders:
\$492,500

Other

Disability Rights International

*Women's Rights Advocacy Initiative in
Mexico and Guatemala*

\$50,000

Women's Link Worldwide

General Operating Support

\$20,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for
International Other: \$70,000

**Total Amount in Active Grants
for International Human Rights
Program: \$562,500**

**Total Amount in Active Grants
for the Human Rights Program:
\$1,947,500**

The Environment Program: Grants Awarded in 2016



The Foundation's Environment Program focuses on biodiversity conservation in Latin America and select sustainability initiatives in the United States. With an emerging geographic focus in Mesoamerica, the Foundation is seeking high impact ways to both conserve biodiversity and support local communities in their conservation efforts. Within the United States, the Environment Program is supporting innovative ways to both reduce consumption and the negative environmental impacts of material production. The program adds a climate lens to all of potential support as it seeks out new ways to confront environmental problems.

Behavioral Change

350.org

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

General Operating Support
\$65,000

Amazon Watch

Sacred Headwaters Campaign
\$50,000

Corporate Accountability International

Real Food Media Project
\$25,000

Grist.org

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Groundswell

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Natural Resources Defense Council

Addressing Climate Change, Community Engagement, and National Solid Waste
\$65,000

The Story of Stuff

General Operating Support
\$50,000

U.S. Green Building - New York Chapter

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Behavioral Change: \$415,000

Corporate Practices

As You Sow

Consumer Packaging, E-waste Recycling, and Ocean Plastics Pollution
\$35,000

Dogwood Alliance

The Paper Campaign
\$25,000

EARTHWORKS

Protecting Ecosystems & Communities from Dirty Mining
\$35,000

Environmental Investigation Agency

General Operating Support
\$55,000

Environmental Paper Network (Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$25,000

Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Rainforest Action Network

General Operating Support
\$40,000

Stand

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Corporate Practices: \$315,000

Food and the Environment

Food Tank

General Operating Support
\$25,000

New York Harbor Foundation

Billion Oyster Project
\$35,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Food and the Environment: \$60,000

Innovation

In Our Backyards (ioby.org)

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Move NY (Virginia Organizing, Inc.—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$15,000

Not An Alternative, Inc.

The Natural History Museum
\$30,000

Project Drawdown

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Innovation: \$145,000

Latin American Biodiversity Conservation

Amazon Conservation Team

Sacred Headwaters Campaign
\$17,500

Consultative Group on Biological Diversity

Keeping Environmental Defenders Safe
\$75,000

Fundacion Cordillera Tropical

Applying Additionality to Conservation Interventions, Sangay National Park, Ecuador
\$30,000

International Community Foundation

Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda
\$25,000

Mongabay Org Corp

Mongabay: Latin America
\$75,000

Nature and Culture International

The Establishment of Municipal Reserves and Exploring Conservation Funding Mechanisms in the Ecuadorian Amazon
\$40,000

International Community Foundation

Pronatura Noroeste A.C.
\$50,000



The Environment Program: Grants Awarded in 2016

Rainforest Alliance

Sustainable Management of the Ramon Nut for Biodiversity Conservation and Landscape Recovery in Guatemala
\$70,000

Root Capital

General Operating Support for activities in Ecuador, Mexico, & Nicaragua
\$55,000

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

Addressing Wildlife Trafficking at Multiple Scales: Ecuador and the Latin America Region
\$50,000

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Proactively Addressing Emerging Threats to Mesoamerica's Forests and Wildlife
\$82,500

Total Amount in Active Grants for Latin America Biodiversity Conservation: \$570,000

Movement Building

ALIGN

Transform Don't Trash Project
\$30,000

Building Equity & Alignment Initiative (Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$210,000

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Leadership Transitions, Change in Fiscal Sponsorship and Funder Engagement and General Coordinator
\$50,000

Catskill Mountainkeeper Inc.

Extreme Energy Extraction Collaboration Summit
\$25,000

Climate Justice Alliance (Movement Strategy Center—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Coming Clean, Inc.

Campaign for Healthier Solutions
\$35,000

East Michigan Environmental Action Council

Great Lakes Just Transition Network
\$20,000

EDGE Funders Alliance

Just Transition Collaborative
\$50,000

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Just Transition Co-Learning & Strategy Development Collaborative
\$25,000

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

General Operating Support
\$50,000

Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy (Project South—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$25,000

The Wildfire Project (Movement Strategy Center—Fiscal Sponsor)

General Operating Support
\$40,000

UPROSE

General Operating Support
\$30,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Movement Building: \$640,000

Other

American Sustainable Institute

General Operating Support
\$25,000

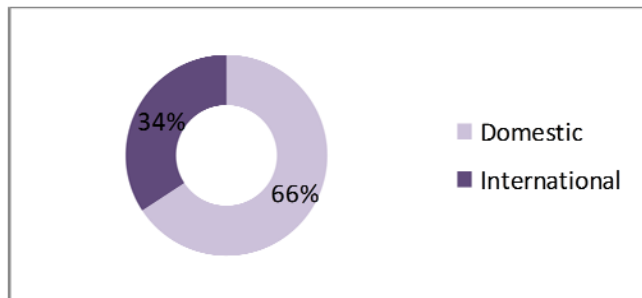
Island Press

General Operating Support
\$20,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for Other: \$45,000

Total Amount in Active Grants for the Environment Program: \$2,190,000

Environment Program



Human Rights Program

