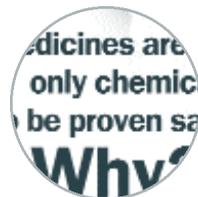




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beldon fund annual report of 2003



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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.

Message from the Chairman, John R. Hunting



These are dark times for the environmental movement. Never has it been so besieged as it is today. Never has the movement had to work so hard simply to maintain the gains of the past 30 years. Government at all levels is beholden to the polluting industries and these industries are moving to destroy environmental safeguards wherever they can.

Yet, amid the darkest gloom, things are happening that give us hope.

We can point to increasingly frequent indications that the public is way ahead of the political and business establishments when it comes to environmental awareness. For example, in and around my hometown of Grand Rapids, more than 20 new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) buildings are either finished or in planning and construction. In addition to offices and factories, these new facilities house schools, hospitals, and museums, and other government and social-service entities.

Another example: When the current Administration began promulgating policies and regulations that would have destroyed vast portions of our national wetlands, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (a Beldon grantee) rallied the hunting and fishing communities in a show of opposition. Their work helped force the Administration into an abrupt change of policy (at least for now).

The public's growing environmental awareness is also forcing an increasing number of businesses to adopt environmentally friendly policies. The forest-products industry, for example, has decided to "voluntarily" remove arsenic from wood products. The Environmental Working Group (another Beldon grantee) has been especially helpful in assisting the industry in making this change.

These examples are only a few of the many reasons why I perceive a "wave" gaining strength in the distance—a wave of environmental "awakening" similar to the religious awakenings that have swept through our country from time to time.

Until that awakening arrives, however, the Beldon Fund

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is doing its best to reduce the destructive and unhealthy impact of today's polluting corporations. Under the outstanding leadership of Beldon Fund President Bill Roberts and with the hard work of Beldon's talented staff and experienced board, our programs are promoting advocacy and collaboration among grass-roots environmental organizations through education, training, and general financial support.

Most importantly, we at the Beldon Fund are spending our resources now, before it's too late. As we do so, it is my hope that we, along with other like-minded foundations, are also establishing an infrastructure that will be in place when the "great environmental awakening" arrives.

For our planet's sake, let's hope it arrives soon.





Message from the President & Executive Director, William J. Roberts

This year marks the halfway point in the life of the Beldon Fund. Five years ago, John Hunting set the Fund on an ambitious 10-year mission to help stop the rapid environmental degradation of the planet and lay the groundwork for future efforts to protect the Earth. With increasingly focused funding, Beldon has pursued this heady goal through three interconnected strategies that are directly linked to our overarching mission.

First, since 1999 we have supported advocacy capacity building in several key states that play a disproportionately large role in shaping national and regional environmental policies. Early on, we supported the development of collaboratives that drew on the strengths of the entire environment movement in each state. With working collaboratives in place, we then helped support building media skills, messaging, fundraising, and field organizing. This infrastructure is now showing real muscle, helping drive state agendas and drawing increased media attention to environmental concerns.

Second, we have helped build the groundwork for more active civic engagement by environmental advocates. The law provides a number of important nonpartisan avenues whereby advocates can heighten the visibility and urgency of environmental issues among our nation's policy makers. Over the past five years, a growing number of organizations around the country have encouraged environmentalists to intensify their civic engagement, and the Beldon Fund intends to play an active role in these important nonpartisan efforts.

Third, we have tried to stay on top of rapidly emerging scientific research and monitoring tools that expose clear causal relationships between environmental contaminants and adverse health effects. Sadly, this science shows that the serious health threats posed by pollution and toxic chemicals are not confined to those living near Superfund sites. On the contrary, they affect virtually all of us in one way or another.

Although these findings are alarming, environmental health advocates, with Beldon support, are beginning to demonstrate that we can convert despair to hope. We are beginning to see that the burden of proving the safety of chemicals and other industrial products can be shifted onto those most able to prevent illness—the companies that make these products and pollutants.

When we set out five years ago, none of us anticipated that our first years would coincide with an Administration hell-bent on dismantling three decades of environmental progress. While remaining focused on our long-term goals, we joined with others to support a spirited effort to thwart the Administration's attacks on the environment, culminating in the apparent defeat of the Administration's misguided energy policy, a legal bar to its brazen effort to rewrite longstanding rules on air pollution, and a reversal of its plan to lift historic protections for much of the nation's wetlands. Against the Administration's ongoing assaults, both large and small, the Beldon Fund will continue to offer ongoing support efforts in defense of a generation of environmental progress.

During the next five years, guided by careful evaluation of our current strategies and drawing on the talents of our board and staff, we will refine our grantmaking to help our grantees be even more effective. We will also support efforts by our major grantees to diversify their financial support so that they will be able to pursue their missions after the Beldon Fund ends its work in 2009. And, if necessary, we will continue our vigilance to fend off efforts that would undermine the protections achieved by three decades of activism. The Beldon Fund's original vision still guides our work and, even in darker moments, the promise of a healthier and safer planet makes this hard work all the more worthwhile.





League of Conservation Voters Education Fund Rally



About Our Programs

Human Health & 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.

Key States Program

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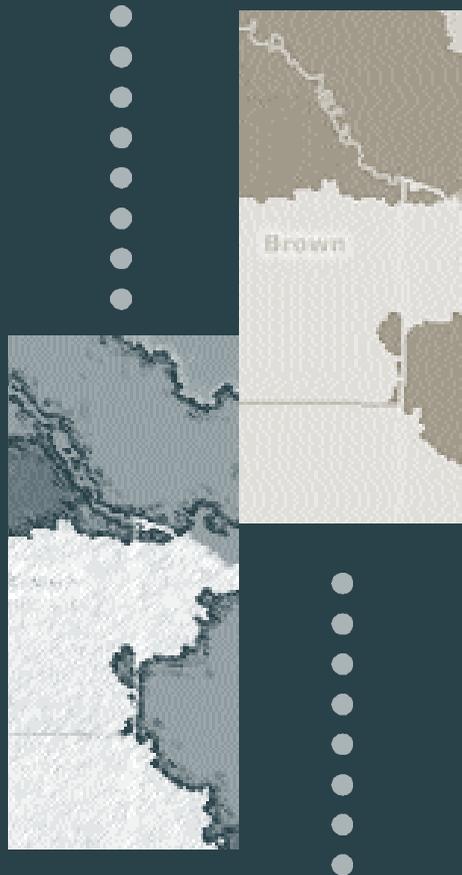
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Key States

Florida, Michigan, Minnesota,
North Carolina, Wisconsin



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Minnesota

Environmental Partnership

The Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP) is a coalition of 80 environmental, conservation, and public health groups that started asking Minnesotans what was their top priority. Polling and focus groups evoked a resounding answer: Clean water! As a result, MEP created the Protect Our Water coalition, applying highly sophisticated organizing tools to further their work.

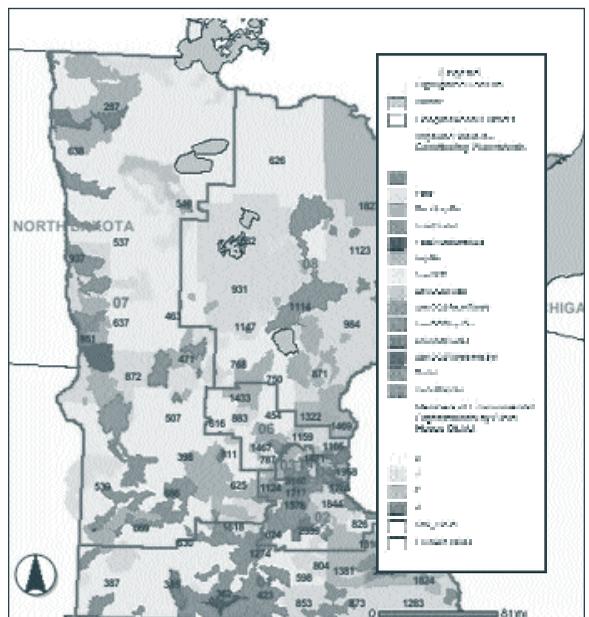
PROTECT OUR WATER CONNECTS:

- To the state: Using interactive GIS mapping tools and information from state agencies the coalition mapped Minnesota’s impaired waters, protected forests, and Superfund sites. Overlaying those maps with demographic information, the coalition focused their fieldwork in the areas where they expected to have the most impact.
- To their membership: Instead of sending action alerts to all of its members on every issue, the coalition developed a “Rapid Response” system, crossing membership lists with demographic information to focus their action alerts. The Rapid Response system allows the coalition to get the biggest response to action alerts at the lowest cost.
- To the public: Good media work can be expensive and is often available only to well-heeled groups. Yet, for local issues the most effective and credible messenger is often an under-funded local group. The coalition saves its members time and money by providing access to national and state-based communications specialists for all Partnership members regardless of size. So, for example, the state’s daily paper can pick up an op-ed on phosphorous by the Minnesota Lakes Association while a local watershed group can issue a compelling press release on impaired waters.
- To decision makers: The coalition connects decision makers to the information they need with a comprehensive Briefing Book. This

prioritized survey of the state’s environmental problems, including policy recommendations, is distributed to all Minnesota public officials as well as to the media.

- To colleagues: Working on targeted issues, such as Mercury-Free Minnesota, the coalition helps achieve an efficient division of labor. For example, the coalition’s government relations committee gets together to plot its activities and coordinate its messages. The system allows them to respond quickly to unanticipated attacks as well as to push forward its pro-active Protect Our Water agenda.

These connections paid off: Last summer, the newly elected Governor embraced MEP’s clean-water agenda, extensively quoting the coalition almost verbatim. Armed with their new infrastructure tools and a well-organized base of Minnesotans, MEP is now poised to ensure that the Governor acts on his promise.



Clean Wisconsin (map showing groundwater contamination susceptibility in Wisconsin)

2003 Grants List





ACTIVE ELEMENT FOUNDATION

(A project of Third Sector New England, Boston, MA.) A grant to Third Sector New England recommended for support of its Active Element Foundation, which sponsors the Environmental Justice Youth Initiative.

<i>New York, NY</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

A grant to Alternatives for Community and Environment for its Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project to develop environmental justice leadership among youth through an environmental justice curriculum, an internship program, and youth-led projects.

<i>Roxbury, MA</i>	\$100,000.00	24 months
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ASIAN PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

A grant to Asian Pacific Environmental Network for its Asian Youth Advocates Program to develop the leadership and organizing capacity of young Asian Pacific Islander women in West Contra Costa County, CA.

<i>Oakland, CA</i>	\$25,000.00	12 months
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HARAMBEE HOUSE

A grant to Harambee House for its Black Youth Leadership Development Institute, a national training institute for young people between the ages of 12 and 21 who come from targeted African-American environmental justice communities.

<i>Savannah, GA</i>	\$30,000.00	12 months
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LABOR COMMUNITY STRATEGY CENTER

A grant to Labor Community Strategy Center for its National School for Strategic Organizing, which trains more than 50 annually environmental and social justice leaders.

<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	\$150,000.00	24 months
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PEOPLE ORGANIZING TO DEMAND ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS

(A project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, CA.) A grant to The Tides Center for support of its project People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights, which sponsors Common Roots: Youth Organizer Program in conjunction with the Chinese Progressive Association, to develop low-income immigrant youth of Chinese and Latino descent in San Francisco's Chinatown and Mission districts into youth leaders and organizers for environmental and economic justice.

<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$25,000.00	12 months
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SOUTHERN ECHO

A grant to Southern Echo for its Environmental Justice Program to assist groups enhancing the role and capacity of young people to develop policy solutions to environmental problems.

<i>Jackson, MS</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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SOUTHWEST NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

(A project of Community Networking Resources, Albuquerque, NM.) A grant to Southwest Community Networking Resources recommended for support of Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice and its Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Development Campaign.

<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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SOUTHWEST ORGANIZING PROJECT

(A project of Southwest Community Resources, Albuquerque, NM.) A grant to Southwest Community Resources recommended for support of its Southwest Organizing Project, which sponsors the Youth Rights Campaign.

<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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SOUTHWEST PUBLIC WORKERS' UNION

(A project of Centro por la Justicia, San Antonio, TX.) A grant to Centro por la Justicia recommended for support of the efforts of Southwest Public Workers' Union to provide education, advocacy and organizing training, and leadership development to youth in low-income communities in southern Texas.

<i>San Antonio, TX</i>	\$25,000.00	12 months
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Human Health and the Environment/Human Exposure to Toxic Chemicals

CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE REGULATION

A grant to Center for Progressive Regulation for its Clean Science in Regulation Project to ensure that state and federal regulatory agencies can rely upon unbiased and reliable scientific information and advice in implementing health, safety, and environmental laws.

<i>Austin, TX</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

A grant to Center for Science in the Public Interest for its Integrity in Science Project to expose and prevent the destructive influence of corporate interests on scientific research, publications, and science-based policy.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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CLEAN AIR TASK FORCE

A grant to Clean Air Task Force for its project "Assessing Diesel's Damage: Deploying Scientifically Valid Citizen Monitoring to Create Local and National Awareness of the Need for Heavy Engine Clean-Up and Create Constituencies for Clean Air."

<i>Boston, MA</i>	\$150,000.00	12 months
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COMING CLEAN COLLABORATION

(A project of Women's Voices for the Earth, Missoula, MT.) A grant to Women's Voices for the Earth recommended for support of its project Coming Clean Collaboration, which sponsors a coordinated, multi-tactic campaign against the chemical industry.

<i>Missoula, MT</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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ECOLOGY CENTER

A grant to Ecology Center for its leadership and participation in national and Michigan-based campaigns to eliminate persistent bioaccumulative toxins in the health care and chemical industries.

<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

A grant to Environmental Defense for its Environmental Health Program that includes cultivation of health care professionals as environmental advocates.

<i>New York, NY</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION

A general support grant to Environmental Health Coalition for its efforts to expose the links between environmental toxics and human health, and to advocate for local, state, and national environmental protections.

<i>San Diego, CA</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION CENTER

(A project of Virginia Organizing Project, Charlottesville, VA.) A grant to Virginia Organizing Project recommended to support the efforts of its project the Environmental Health Sciences Information Center to translate and communicate emerging environmental health research and broaden the base of support for environmental protection.

<i>Crozet, VA</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY CENTER

(A project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, CA.) A grant to The Tides Center recommended for support of its Environmental Health Strategy Center, which sponsors the Maine Campaign for Health and the Environment.

<i>Bangor, ME</i>	\$100,000.00	24 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA SERVICES

A grant to Environmental Media Services for its Environmental Health Science Communication Network to expand the number and disciplines of scientists and medical experts willing and ready to talk with the media on issues of environmental health.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

A grant to Environmental Working Group for its innovative use of body burden monitoring data and to provide research support for toxic tort litigation.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$200,000.00	12 months
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FOCUS PROJECT

A grant to Focus Project/OMB Watch for its project Agenda for Access.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$150,000.00	12 months
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LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE

A general support grant to Louisiana Bucket Brigade for its efforts to train fenceline community members on how to use monitoring tools to monitor and document toxic pollution from oil refineries and chemical plants in Louisiana.

<i>New Orleans, LA</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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MASSACHUSETTS BREAST CANCER COALITION

A grant to Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition for its Massachusetts Precautionary Principle Project, a coalition of Massachusetts organizations working to unite diverse constituencies around the shared need for protection from toxic hazards and the shared goal of precautionary policies.

<i>Quincy, MA</i>	\$200,000.00	24 months
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NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

A grant to Natural Resources Defense Council for its Environmental Health Science Advocacy Project to ensure that the science used by government in developing regulations of toxic chemicals is free from manipulation by industry groups.

<i>New York, NY</i>	\$200,000.00	12 months
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OHIO CITIZEN ACTION EDUCATION FUND

A grant to Citizens Policy Center for its good neighbor campaigns to prevent toxic pollution in Ohio.

<i>Cleveland, OH</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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TEXAS FUND FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A grant to Texas Fund for Energy and Environmental Education for its SEED Coalition Refinery Reform Program to use community monitoring efforts to increase awareness about the impacts of toxic oil refinery pollution on public health, and to involve and train people to take action to monitor and prevent this pollution.

<i>Austin, TX</i>	\$25,000.00	12 months
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TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH

A grant to Trust for America's Health for its Health Right-to-Know Campaign to defend and expand public policies that provide tools for people to understand the link between health and environmental hazards and better prevent disease.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW

(A project of U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund, Washington, DC.) A grant to U.S. Public Interest Research Group recommended for support of its project Working Group on Community Right-to-Know to promote public awareness of toxic exposure and health, and work to protect and strengthen state and federal right-to-know policies.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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Human Health and the Environment/New Advocates



BEYOND PESTICIDES/NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST THE MISUSE OF PESTICIDES

A grant to Beyond Pesticides/National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides for its Healthy Schools Project to minimize and eliminate the risks posed by pesticides through the adoption of school pest management policies and programs at the local, state, and federal level, thereby creating a healthier learning environment.

Washington, DC

\$50,000.00

12 months

BREAST CANCER ACTION

A general support grant to Breast Cancer Action to deploy its membership in national, state, and local efforts to reduce human exposure to toxic chemicals and advocate for greater use of the precautionary principle.

San Francisco, CA

\$75,000.00

12 months

BREAST CANCER FUND

A general support grant to Breast Cancer Fund to support its various programs, including the Environmental Health Initiative, an advocacy effort to identify and eliminate the preventable environmental causes of breast cancer.

San Francisco, CA

\$150,000.00

24 months

CALIFORNIANS FOR PESTICIDE REFORM

(A project of Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA.) A grant to Pesticide Action Network North America recommended for support of the efforts of Californians for Pesticide Reform to coordinate a state-level environmental advocacy coalition of 170 groups led by new advocacy voices in the health-affected, medical, and parent/teacher communities.

San Francisco, CA

\$150,000.00

24 months

COLLABORATIVE ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

(A project of Commonwealth, Bolinas, CA.) A grant to Commonwealth recommended for support of the efforts of Collaborative on Health and the Environment to expand the network of organizations that represent health-impacted people and to assist the organizations in developing their capacity for coordinated environmental health advocacy and participation in issue campaigns.

Bolinas, CA

\$200,000.00

24 months

COMMUNITY TOOLBOX FOR CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

(A project of The Tides Center, San Francisco, CA.) A grant to The Tides Center recommended for support of its project Community Toolbox for Children's Environmental Health, which provides organizing and support services to community-based groups working to protect children in areas disproportionately impacted by environmental health threats.

<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH

A general support grant to Environment and Human Health in support of its media, web site, and communications work.

<i>North Haven, CT</i>	\$40,000.00	12 months
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GENERATION GREEN FUND

A grant to Generation Green Fund to support its Healthy Schools Campaign to advocate for policies that make schools environmentally healthy places to learn and work.

<i>Chicago, IL</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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HEALTH CARE WITHOUT HARM

A general support grant to Health Care Without Harm for its efforts to drive the health care industry away from its use of dangerous toxic chemicals and toward safer materials and practices.

<i>Jamaica Plain, MA</i>	\$150,000.00	12 months
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INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY

A grant to Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy for its Creating Environmental Change Through Public Health Leadership Project to continue to build relationships with core groups of health professionals, and equip them with a set of tools for communicating the health impacts of factory farming to the public, to their colleagues, and to the media.

<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	\$150,000.00	24 months
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MARYLAND PESTICIDE NETWORK

(A project of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Washington, DC.) A grant to Physicians for Social Responsibility recommended for support of its project Maryland Pesticide Network, which sponsors the Protecting Public Health and the Environment Program.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$40,000.00	12 months
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MINNESOTA CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

A grant to Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy to support its Public Health Program to protect the people of Minnesota from environmental and toxic risk.

<i>St. Paul, MN</i>	\$55,000.00	12 months
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SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A grant to Science and Environmental Health Network for its Science Analysis and Direction for the Collaborative on Health and the Environment Project.

<i>Ames, IA</i>	\$35,000.00	12 months
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SILENT SPRING INSTITUTE

A grant to Silent Spring Institute for its Science-Based Advocacy for Environmental Health Project to develop tools for science-based advocacy in the areas of breast cancer and the environment and the health effects of endocrine disrupting compounds.

<i>Newton, MA</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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WOMEN'S CANCER RESOURCE CENTER

A grant to Women's Cancer Resource Center to support its Environmental Programs to engage health-affected populations and expand the constituency for environmental health.

Minneapolis, MN

\$45,000.00

12 months

Key States



CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH

A grant to Center for Public Interest Research for its Clean Water Act Enforcement and Reinforcement Project, to support PIRG organizations based in Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, and Wisconsin advocating for the enforcement of the Clean Water Act while continuing to build the power of the environmental movement in each state.

Boston, MA

\$550,000.00

24 months

FLORIDA

CLEAN WATER FUND

A grant to Clean Water Fund to support planning of organizing and state-based advocacy efforts in Florida.

Washington, DC

\$40,000.00

12 months

CLEAN WATER NETWORK

(A project of Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY.) A grant to Natural Resources Defense Council for its project Clean Water Network Florida Clean Water Campaign to continue organizing and advocacy for clean water policies in Florida.

Washington, DC

\$100,000.00

12 months

EARTHJUSTICE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

To support the Florida Sustainable Waters program of EarthJustice Legal Defense Fund to ensure that Florida's environmental community and its local networks have access to skilled legal talent to enforce current clean water regulations.

Oakland, CA

\$100,000.00

12 months

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW

(A project of American Institute for Social Justice, Washington, DC.) A grant to American Institute for Social Justice recommended for support of the efforts of Florida Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now to build power for the Florida environmental movement by working with diverse constituencies from Tampa to Daytona.

<i>St. Petersburg, FL</i>	\$100,000.00	16 months
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FLORIDA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE INSTITUTE

(A project of Florida Wildlife Federation, Tallahassee, FL.) A grant to Florida Wildlife Federation recommended for support of its project Florida Conservation Alliance Institute, a statewide program providing services to Florida's environmental advocates.

<i>Gainesville, FL</i>	\$200,000.00	12 months
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FLORIDA WATER COALITION

(A project of Florida Wildlife Federation, Tallahassee, FL.) A grant to Florida Wildlife Federation recommended for support of its project Florida Water Coalition, a coalition of statewide water advocates working together to protect Florida's water.

<i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$110,000.00	12 months
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FLORIDA WATER COALITION

(A project of Florida Wildlife Federation, Tallahassee, FL.) A grant to Florida Wildlife Federation recommended for support of the efforts of its project Florida Water Coalition to expedite its planning and briefing book development processes.

<i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$13,500.00	12 months
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MICHIGAN

ARAB COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A grant to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services for its Environmental Program to empower the Arab-American community of Southeastern Michigan to address issues of environmental health and quality.

<i>Dearborn, MI</i>	\$35,000.00	16 months
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MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

A grant to the Michigan Environmental Council in support of its Major Donor and Endowment Fund program.

<i>Lansing, MI</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

A general support grant to Michigan League of Conservation Voters Education Fund to strengthen the capacity of the environmental and conservation movement to mobilize citizens as informed voters and advocates.

<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>	\$130,000.00	24 months
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NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A grant to the National Wildlife Federation for its Clean the Rain State Mercury Project in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

<i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>	\$100,000.00	16 months
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MINNESOTA

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

A grant to Land Stewardship Project for the Farm and Rural Organizing Project to build power in important rural areas to impact critical issues that affect the natural environment and human communities of Minnesota.

<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	\$120,000.00	24 months
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MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

A general support grant to Minnesota Environmental Partnership to support a collaborative of environmental and conservation groups in Minnesota working together to increase support for strong public policies to protect the environment at the state and national levels.

<i>St. Paul, MN</i>	\$920,000.00	40 months
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MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

A general support grant to Minnesota League of Conservation Voters Education Fund to increase citizen awareness of environmental issues and their participation in the policy-making process via advocacy projects such as List Enhancement, Voter Education Guides, and an action alert network.

<i>St. Paul, MN</i>	\$100,000.00	24 months
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MINNESOTA PROJECT

A grant to Minnesota Project for power analysis research in support of Minnesota’s environmental and conservation advocates.

<i>St. Paul, MN</i>	\$20,000.00	12 months
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NORTH CAROLINA

CLEAN WATER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

A general support grant to Clean Water for North Carolina for its strategic organizing work and outreach to communities impacted by water and air pollution, and to engage those communities in local and statewide public policy debates.

<i>Asheville, NC</i>	\$25,000.00	12 months
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CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Conservation Council of North Carolina Foundation for its work to help build the advocacy skills and network of the environmental community.

<i>Raleigh, NC</i>	\$100,000.00	24 months
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NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK

A grant to North Carolina Conservation Network for its project Playing to Win, a collaborative of six state-level advocacy organizations working to increase the power of the state’s environmental community.

<i>Raleigh, NC</i>	\$400,000.00	24 months
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NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK

A general support grant to North Carolina Conservation Network for its environmental advocacy and capacity building programs.

<i>Raleigh, NC</i>	\$150,000.00	24 months
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WISCONSIN

CLEAN WISCONSIN

A grant to Clean Wisconsin for its Membership Development Project.

<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$158,000.00	36 months
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WISCONSIN CITIZEN ACTION FUND

A general support grant to Wisconsin Citizen Action Fund to increase and diversify the advocacy capacity of the state's environmental community by ensuring participation of a multi-issue and multi-constituency organization in ongoing coalition work.

<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$110,000.00	16 months
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WISCONSIN CONSERVATION POWER PROJECT

(A project of River Alliance of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.) A grant to River Alliance of Wisconsin recommended for support of its Conservation Power Project, a collaborative advocacy effort of seven statewide advocacy and communication organizations.

<i>Madison, WI</i>	\$135,000.00	12 months
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Discretionary



CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZENSHIP

A grant to Center for Environmental Citizenship for its Environment Youth Study to determine the best strategies for reaching out to and engaging more young people in the environmental movement.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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CLEAN WATER FUND

A general support grant to Clean Water Fund to support its efforts to promote environmental protection in Minnesota.

<i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	\$20,000.00	12 months
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CLEAN WATER FUND

A general support grant to Clean Water Fund to support its various programs, including its Environmental Citizenship programs, and grassroots capacity building to support and strengthen local organizing in Beldon's key states.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$500,000.00	16 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

A grant to Environmental Defense for the Action Network project, to expand online constituencies and help the Action Network transition to independence and self-sustainability.

<i>New York, NY</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS ASSOCIATION

(A project of Rockefeller Family Fund, New York, NY.) A grant to Rockefeller Family Fund recommended for support of the efforts of Environmental Grantmakers Association to promote, diversify, and expand environmental philanthropy.

<i>New York, NY</i>	\$15,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

A grant to the Environmental Support Center for its project State Environmental Leadership Program.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$175,000.00	12 months
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ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

A general support grant to Environmental Support Center for its efforts to help grassroots and state-based advocacy organizations in Beldon's Key States and Beldon's Human Health and the Environment programs build capacity and strengthen leadership.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$175,000.00	12 months
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LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

A general support grant to League of Conservation Voters Education Fund to strengthen state environmental movements and increase the participation of environmental supporters.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$600,000.00	12 months
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

A general support grant to National Environmental Trust to carry out its public education campaigns.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$100,000.00	12 months
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NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

A general support grant for National Wildlife Federation's nationwide activities to protect the environment, including issue-based grassroots activist organizing for conservation advocacy and collaboration with the Collaborative Defense Campaign, an effort to amplify the public voice on environmental issues.

<i>Reston, VA</i>	\$33,000.00	12 months
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PUBLIC EDUCATION CENTER

A grant to Public Education Center for its Natural Resources News Service for journalists to develop news on environmental topics.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$150,000.00	24 months
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SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION

A grant to Sierra Club Foundation to support its Raising the Bar—Protecting Our Communities from Risk project.

<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$400,000.00	24 months
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SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION

A general support grant to Sierra Club Foundation to support its various programs, including the National Education Project, which educates the public about environmental issues and trains activists to advocate on behalf of environmental protection.

<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	\$300,000.00	12 months
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TENNESSEE CLEAN WATER NETWORK

A grant to Tennessee Clean Water Network for its project Volunteers for a Clean Environment Campaign.

<i>Knoxville, TN</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

A grant to Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership for its project to amplify the voice of hunters and anglers as advocates for sound environmental policy.

<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE FOR VOTER EDUCATION

A general support grant to Washington Environmental Alliance for Voter Education for its voter participation and capacity building programs and to design strategies encouraging youth civic participation.

<i>Seattle, WA</i>	\$50,000.00	12 months
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WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS EDUCATION PROJECT

A grant to Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project for its Campaign for Clean Energy and Responsible Development.

<i>Billings, MT</i>	\$75,000.00	12 months
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Program Guidelines

The Beldon Fund focuses project and general support grants in two programs: Human Health and the Environment 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. Please visit our website, [www. Beldon.org](http://www.Beldon.org), for the most current program information.

HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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.

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.

Work the Fund supports:

- Expanding the capacity of new-constituency organizations, particularly those with a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement, to mobilize public support for environmental health.
- Environmental health campaigns that significantly involve new constituencies.

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.

Work the Fund supports:

- Translating new developments in environmental health science (such as toxicogenomics and body burden data) into accessible tools for advocates, the media, and policy makers.
- Efforts to research and frame environmental health messages.
- Issue campaigns that demonstrate to the public the connection between environmental exposure and illness.
- Defense against efforts to hamper the public's understanding of the links between exposure and illness.

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.

Work the Fund supports:

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

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 states the Fund hopes to transform our nation's approach to environmental protection.

The Fund accepts Letters of Inquiry from Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina and Wisconsin for this program. The Beldon Fund believes that the most effective way to ensure consistent policymaker support for environmental protection is to support collaborations of advocacy organizations that focus on building strength and effectiveness at the local, state, and national level.

Goals: Achieve stronger pro-environmental support by national, state, and local policymakers through public education and advocacy in selected states. Help advocates in these states develop adequate resources to replace Beldon's support when the Fund sunsets in 2009.

Approach: The Beldon Fund makes grants to a set of statewide collaboratives operating in each of our five key states, and also supports individual organizations working in partnership with these collaboratives to secure policymaker commitment to environmental protection at the local, state, and federal level.

The Beldon Fund currently supports work in Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina and Wisconsin on behalf of:

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

These efforts need not be tied to any one particular issue, but should show direct connections to existing collaboratives that seek to build public support for the environment and add clout to the environmental community statewide. We recommend that an organization interested in Beldon Key States funding contact the applicable Beldon collaborative in

each relevant state to begin a dialogue on how the organization's efforts might help build statewide clout.

To see if your organization fits within the Beldon Fund's Key States strategies in a particular state and to find the collaborative for that state please visit www.beldonfund.org/keystates.htm.

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, 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.
- Publications.



Grant Application Procedures

Organizations seeking grants from the Fund should begin the process by taking the eligibility quiz on our website, www.Beldonfund.org. If the eligibility quiz suggests that you may be eligible for a grant from the Beldon Fund please submit 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 and deadlines for letters of inquiry and invited proposals are specified under Deadlines. 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 review the List of Grants that we have awarded in the past www.beldon.org/beldon/grantees)

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.

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, at the Fund's invitation, proposals must be received in our office within the dates specified below to be considered at the next Board meeting. 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 Letters of Inquiry

Grant seekers should familiarize themselves with the Fund's Program Guidelines. Proposals are considered in two programs: Human Health and the Environment 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:

- 1> Date.
- 2> Name and address of organization.
- 3> Executive director and contact person(s); telephone and fax numbers; and, if available, e-mail and web addresses.
- 4> Name, address, telephone number, and executive director of your fiscal sponsor, if applicable.
- 5> A paragraph summarizing the organization's mission and work.
- 6> 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).
- 7> A paragraph describing the outcomes (goals) to be achieved by your project or organization.
- 8> 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.

9> *Total dollar amount requested and time period the grant will cover.*

10> *Total dollar amount committed or requested from other funding sources and the names of those sources.*

11> *Total dollar amount of your organizational budget for the current fiscal year.*

12> *Total dollar amount of your actual organizational expenses for the most recently completed fiscal year.*

13> *Total dollar amount of the project budget for the current fiscal year, if applicable.*

14> *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. 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 (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.*
- *If you are applying for renewal funding, submit a brief year-to-date narrative describing your use of the previous year's grant. (We will still expect a final grant report at the end of the year.)*

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 its 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 member organizations, if applicable.*
- *List of your organization's Board of Directors and staff (describe Board and staff responsibilities, work and leadership experience, and criteria for board selection).**
- *The Beldon Fund provides grants to public charities. If your organization is not a public charity that has received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to operate as a project of another organization, please supply all of the information requested above for that organization. If you have any questions about this issue, please contact our Grants Manager, Holeri Faruolo, toll free at (800) 591-9595, or via e-mail at info@beldon.org.*

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.

Our staff will promptly acknowledge receipt of your proposal. During our review of your proposal, we may contact you for additional information or material. An invitation to send a proposal and any requests 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 (800) 591-9595.



Financial Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*Board of Trustees
Beldon II Fund
99 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016*

We have audited the balance sheets of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Beldon II Fund as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 its changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,



Owen J. Flanagan & Company

*New York, New York
April 22, 2004*

BALANCE SHEET

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 237,151	\$ 511,072
Interest receivable	247,420	303,456
Investments	69,667,985	72,541,591
Rental deposits	37,360	37,360
Other	28,090	16,206
	<u>70,218,006</u>	<u>73,409,685</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment	133,002	133,002
Furniture and fixtures	99,431	99,432
Leasehold improvements	704,696	704,696
	937,129	937,130
Accumulated depreciation	(499,535)	(405,133)
	<u>437,594</u>	<u>531,997</u>
Total Assets	\$70,655,600	\$73,941,682
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Grants payable		
Current	\$ 3,427,056	\$ 3,885,000
Long-term	1,157,055	125,000
Accounts payable	197,324	145,275
Payroll related liabilities	-	2,939
Federal excise tax		
Current	-	-
Deferred	89,554	-
Total Liabilities	4,870,989	4,158,214
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	65,784,611	69,783,468
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$70,655,600	\$73,941,682

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2003	2002
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Interest	\$ 1,209,089	\$ 2,646,295
Dividends	229,077	291,664
Gain on sale of investments and change in unrealized gain	9,654,189	(2,049,717)
Total Support and Revenues	11,092,355	888,242
EXPENSES		
Program		
Grants	12,175,817	9,425,250
Matching gifts	-	3,769
Foundation directed projects	600,223	382,033
	12,776,040	9,811,052
Administration		
Accounting and audit	33,104	35,869
Bank charges	360	394
Board meetings, conferences and travel	78,005	87,795
Consultants	54,282	69,120
Depreciation	94,402	111,126
Equipment	34,136	37,924
Excise taxes	17,310	30,500
Insurance	10,606	5,758
Investment fees	356,561	433,418
Legal	59,306	35,682
Memberships	28,260	28,215
Office renovations	-	100,315
Office supplies	48,712	53,823
Payroll taxes and benefits	332,977	322,246
Rent and utilities	170,303	161,871
Repairs and maintenance	12,094	28,804
Salaries	948,786	898,341
Telephone	35,968	36,556
	2,315,172	2,477,757
Total Expenses	15,091,212	12,288,809
Change in Net Assets for the Year	(3,998,857)	(11,400,567)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	69,783,468	81,184,035
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$65,784,611	\$69,783,468

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED)	2003	2002
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$(3,998,857)	\$(11,400,567)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	94,402	111,126
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(571,401)	242,027
Change in unrealized appreciation	(9,082,788)	1,807,691
Decrease in interest receivable	56,036	394,134
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(11,884)	(12,035)
Increase in accounts payable	52,049	14,547
Increase (decrease) in grants payable	574,111	(2,225,000)
Increase (decrease) in Federal excise tax payable - current	-	(30,000)
Increase (decrease) in payroll-related liabilities	(2,939)	(14,196)
	(12,891,271)	(11,112,273)
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(13,520)
Purchase of investments	(38,683,098)	(59,822,075)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments	51,300,448	71,386,371
	12,617,350	11,550,776
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash	(273,921)	438,503
Cash, Beginning of Year	511,072	72,569
Cash, End of Year	\$ 237,151	\$ 511,072
Supplemental Information		
Cash paid for excise taxes	\$ 17,310	\$ 60,500

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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 the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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

Investments are reported at their fair value. Fair value is determined using quoted market prices for marketable securities and at the values reported by the Fund for alternative investments. Realized gains and losses on sale are determined by comparison of purchase cost to proceeds. For donated investments, cost is the donor's cost.

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, 2003 and 2002:

	2003		2002	
	COST	FAIR VALUE	COST	FAIR VALUE
Invested cash	\$ 3,783,033	\$ 3,783,033	\$ 790,895	\$ 790,895
U.S. government securities	5,460,319	5,631,520	7,742,264	8,351,809
Corporate bonds	7,913,475	8,181,073	8,637,057	9,098,539
Common stock	17,141,521	22,443,728	18,783,690	16,556,140
Asset backed securities	5,859,844	5,774,846	12,645,238	13,173,572
Alternative investments	<u>20,554,421</u>	<u>23,853,785</u>	<u>24,071,095</u>	<u>24,570,636</u>
	<u>\$60,712,613</u>	<u>\$69,667,985</u>	<u>\$72,670,239</u>	<u>\$72,541,591</u>

The fund's gain on sale of investments and change in unrealized gain was comprised of the following:

	2003	2002
Realized gains (losses)	\$ 571,401	\$ (242,027)
Change in unrealized appreciation, net of change in deferred Federal excise tax	<u>9,082,788</u>	<u>(1,807,690)</u>
	<u>9,654,189</u>	<u>(2,049,717)</u>

NOTE 4> 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 2003 and 2002.

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

In 2003, deferred excise taxes are recorded on the unrealized appreciation on investments using the Fund's normal 1% excise tax rate. In 2002, since the Fund's investments had a fair value lower than cost and realized losses cannot be applied to future years, no deferred excise tax is recorded.

NOTE 5> LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Fund is subject to a 10-year lease for office space at 99 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, that commenced 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 6> RETIREMENT PLAN

The Fund maintains a defined contribution plan. All full-time, permanent employees are eligible to participate after three months of service. Effective January 1, 2002, the plan was amended to provide improved benefits. Full vesting occurs after two years of service instead of graduated vesting over six years. Each year the Fund contributes 10% of participants' gross salary to the plan. In addition, the Fund will match elective contributions by employees up to 5% of salary. Contributions for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 were \$136,923 and \$113,711, respectively.

NOTE 7> LONG TERM GRANTS PAYABLE

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

2005	\$ 882,055
2006	\$ 275,000



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