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The Prospect Hill Foundation pursues this mission by making grants in four program areas: Environment, Nuclear Disarmament & Nonproliferation, Reproductive Health and Justice, and Youth Justice; and with Sponsored Grants supporting the philanthropic interests and activities of Beinecke family members. The Foundation’s grants support activities mainly in the northeastern United States.
The Prospect Hill Foundation is a private foundation established in New York in 1959 by the late Elizabeth G. Beinecke and William S. Beinecke, then President and now the retired Chairman of The Sperry and Hutchinson Company. In 1983, The Prospect Hill Foundation merged with the Frederick W. Beinecke Fund, which had been established by the will of William S. Beinecke's father and was later augmented by the will of Carrie Sperry Beinecke, his mother.

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From July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017, 87 grants totaling $2,025,600 were awarded to 71 organizations. In addition, the Foundation’s matching gifts program awarded $324,052.98 to 179 organizations. As of June 30, 2017, the market value of The Prospect Hill Foundation’s assets was approximately $62,400,000.

ENVIRONMENT

The Prospect Hill Foundation’s Environment Program is focused on coastal waters and oceans in the southern New England region, stretching from Cape Cod to the Hudson Canyon; and funds advocacy and policy reform opportunities in order to improve water quality, advance marine conservation and restore coastal habitats. The Environment Program is interested in leveraging relationships between environmental advocates and policymakers.

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT & NONPROLIFERATION

The Prospect Hill Foundation seeks to further nuclear arms control and ultimately abolish nuclear weapons through support for policy analysis, research and advocacy. The program focuses its funding to advance support for multi-lateral agreements and the use of existing international institutions created to limit the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & JUSTICE

The Prospect Hill Foundation funds advocacy to ensure that all women have access to the full range of quality reproductive and sexual health services and that these services are fully integrated in the implementation of health care reform, namely the Affordable Care Act.
YOUTH JUSTICE

The Prospect Hill Foundation seeks to secure transformational reforms for young people whose lives intersect with New York’s youth and adult justice systems. The Foundation funds 1) advocacy that promotes policies and practices that are fair, effective and appropriate for youth and 2) projects that promote community-based models in New York that present non-incarceration strategies. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding organizations and projects that promote leadership of formerly incarcerated youth and a concept of justice that advances rehabilitation, and integrates public safety with community development and “positive youth development” principles.

SPONSORED GRANTS

As a family foundation, The Prospect Hill Foundation has a long history of support for causes and institutions that are personally important to the Foundation’s directors and their families. Grantmaking is directed towards arts and culture, environmental conservation, civic affairs and educational institutions. These grants reflect the Foundation’s values and philanthropic goals.
ENVIRONMENT/OCEANS & COASTAL WATERS

CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT/SAVE THE SOUND
New Haven, CT (www.ctenvironment.org)
$30,000 for Western Long Island Sound Program
$12,500 for the Long Island Sound Report Card/Unified Water Study Project

CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION
Providence, RI (www.elf.org)
$10,000 for Protecting the Water Resources of Aquidneck Island through Policy Advocacy and Litigation

EARTHPLACE/HARBOR WATCH
Westport, CT (www.earthplace.org)
$30,000 for Equipment Loan Program for the Unified Water Study (Long Island Sound Funders’ Collaborative)

RHODE ISLAND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION (FISCAL SPONSOR: ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL OF RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION FUND)
Providence, RI (www.greeninfrastructureri.org)
$25,000 for Building Momentum for Green Infrastructure Investments

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
New York, NY (www.nrdc.org)
$30,000 for New York Atlantic Ocean Protection Initiative

SAVE THE BAY
Providence, RI (www.savebay.org)
$30,000 for FY2018 Water Quality, Habitat, Fisheries, and Public Access Initiatives

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY RHODE ISLAND
Providence, RI (www.nature.org/rhodeisland)
$30,000 for Addressing Stormwater Runoff and Restoring Fish Habitat in the Providence Metro Region
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT & NONPROLIFERATION

ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION
Washington, DC (www.armscontrol.org)
$50,000 for Reducing Nuclear Dangers in the Post-Obama Era
$20,000 for general support

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE
Washington, DC (www.ceip.org/npp)
$25,000 for Nuclear Policy Program

CENTER FOR ARMS CONTROL AND NONPROLIFERATION
Washington, DC (www.armscontrolcenter.org)
$50,000 for general support

NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE FUND
Washington, DC (www.nsarchive.gwu.edu)
$30,000 for Nuclear Documentation Project

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
New York, NY (www.nrdc.org)
$50,000 for Reducing Nuclear Risk: NRDC’s Resolute Environmental Advocacy against Nuclear Weapons and Radioactive Pollutants

PEACE AND SECURITY FUNDERS GROUP (FISCAL SPONSOR: FUND FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT)
Washington, DC (www.peaceandsecurity.org)
$5,000 for general support

THE IRAN PROJECT (FISCAL SPONSOR: FOUNDATION FOR A CIVIL SOCIETY)
New York, NY (www.iranprojectfcsny.org)
$15,000 for National Outreach Program
$15,000 for general support
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT & NONPROLIFERATION (CONT’D)

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS
Cambridge, MA (www.ucsusa.org)
$30,000 for Reducing the Risk of Nuclear War

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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & JUSTICE

GROUNDSWELL FUND
Oakland, CA (www.groundswellfund.org)
$50,000 for general support

MS. FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN
Brooklyn, NY (www.forwomen.org)
$45,000 for Strengthening the Reproductive Justice Movement in the South

NATIONAL ADVOCATES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN
New York, NY (www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org)
$30,000 for general support

NATIONAL LATINA INSTITUTE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
New York, NY (www.latinainstitute.org)
$50,000 for general support

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH NETWORK
Washington, DC (www.raisingwomensvoices.net)
$45,000 for Raising Women’s Voices for the Health Care We Need

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY (PPNYC)
New York, NY (www.ppnyc.org)
$20,000 for Opening Doors and Expanding Care & Education Across All Five Boroughs
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & JUSTICE (CONT’D)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
New Haven, CT (www.plannedparenthood.org/ppsne)
$20,000 for Rhode Island Reproductive Freedom

UNITE FOR REPRODUCTIVE & GENDER EQUITY (URGE)
Washington, DC (www.urge.org)
$10,000 for general support

YOUTH JUSTICE

ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES FOR JUSTICE
New York, NY (www.aff-ny.org)
$3,000 for Our Friends in the Adirondacks Project with John Brown Lives!

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BAIL FUND
Brooklyn, NY (www.brooklynbailfund.org)
$15,000 for Youth Bail Payment and Support

CENTER FOR NULEADERSHIP ON URBAN SOLUTIONS
Brooklyn, NY (www.centerfornuleadership.org)
$40,000 for The Bedford-Stuyvesant Human Justice Initiative
$4,000 for general support

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR YOUTH
Bronx, NY (www.cc-fy.org)
$40,000 for Reclaiming Our Youth
$4,000 for general support

EXALT YOUTH
Brooklyn, NY (www.exaltyouth.org)
$40,000 for general support
$24,000 for Board Development (Racial Equity Training) and Plan A Strategic Consultants

Youth Justice Committee:
Benjamin B. Beinecke, Chair
Elizabeth B. Elston
Jacob S. Beinecke
Mary B. Elston (on leave)
YOUTH JUSTICE (CONT’D)

NEW YORK JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE
(FISCAL SPONSOR: FJC, A FOUNDATION OF PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS)
New York, NY (www.nyjjii.wordpress.com/)
$1,500 for general support

VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE
New York, NY (www.vera.org)
$30,000 for Center on Youth Justice’s Analysis of the Impact of Close to Home Policies in partnership with Administration for Child Services (ACS)
$3,000 for Center on Youth Justice’s Work on Raise the Age Implementation

YOUTH REPRESENT
New York, NY (www.youthrepresent.org)
$33,000 for Youth Speakers Institute
$30,000 for Public Education and Monitoring the Implementation of Raise the Age

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ARTS AND CULTURE

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
New York, NY (www.amnh.org)
$20,000 for Center for Biodiversity and Conservation

BALLET HISPANICO OF NEW YORK
New York, NY (www.ballethispanico.org)
$13,500 for general support

CHEZ BUSHWICK, INC.
Brooklyn, NY (www.chezbushwick.net)
$5,000 for Center for Performance Research
SPONSORED GRANTS (CONT’D)

JACOB’S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL
Becket, MA (www.jacobspillow.org)
$10,000 for general support

LINCOLN CENTER THEATER
New York, NY (www.lct.org)
$28,500 for Open Stages Education Program

MAHAIWE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, INC.
Great Barrington, MA (www.mahaiwe.org)
$22,500 payment toward three-year (FY2015-2017) grant for the IMPACT Capital Campaign

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE ADIRONDACKS (DBA THE WILD CENTER)
Tupper Lake, NY (www.wildcenter.org)
$18,000 payment toward five-year (FY2016-2020) grant for The Wild Walk Capital Campaign
$7,500 for The Wild Center Education Programs

NEW YORK CITY BALLET
New York, NY (www.nycballet.com)
$45,000 payment toward five-year (FY2015-2019) grant for Taking Center Stage Capital Campaign designated for the Education and Access Fund
$40,000 for general support

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC
New York, NY (www.nyphil.org)
$30,000 for general support

THE ADIRONDACK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (DBA ADIRONDACK EXPERIENCE)
Blue Mountain Lake, NY (www.theADKX.org)
$45,000 payment toward four-year (FY2015-2018) grant for the For Generations Capital Campaign designated for the Our Adirondack Park exhibit
$7,500 for general support

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART
New York, NY (www.metmuseum.org)
$25,000 for Departments of Greek and Roman Art and Paintings Conservation
SPONSORED GRANTS (CONT’D)

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
Bronx, NY (www.nybg.org)
$20,000 for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory

THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAN BALLET
New York, NY (www.sab.org)
$5,000 for Children’s Division Ballet Training Scholarships

THE STERLING AND FRANCINE CLARK ART INSTITUTE
Williamstown, MA (www.clarkart.edu)
$10,000 for general support

EDUCATION

COLORADO COLLEGE
Colorado Springs, CO (www.ColoradoCollege.edu)
$135,000 payment toward five-year (FY2016-2020) grant for the Tutt Library’s Building on the Block: Library for the Future Capital Campaign

YALE UNIVERSITY
New Haven, CT (www.yale.edu)
$45,000 for Adams Center for Musical Arts for Pianos

ENVIRONMENT

ADIRONDACK COUNCIL
Elizabethtown, NY (www.adirondackcouncil.org)
$7,500 for Advocacy to Ban All-Terrain Vehicle Use on Forest Preserve Lands

BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE
Bronx, NY (www.bronxriver.org)
$30,600 payment toward three-year (FY2017-FY2019) grant for the River House Fund Capital Campaign
$15,000 for general support
SPONSORED GRANTS (CONT’D)

BROOKLYN URBAN GARDEN CHARTER SCHOOL
Brooklyn, NY (www.bugsbrooklyn.org)
$15,000 for Improving School Culture and On-Task Behavior

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY
New York, NY (www.centralparknyc.org)
$18,000 for Zone Gardener Salary in Central Park

CLEAN AND HEALTHY NEW YORK
Albany, NY (www.cleanhealthyny.org)
$20,000 for general support

FARM FRESH RHODE ISLAND
Pawtucket, RI (www.farmfreshri.org)
$10,000 for Harvest Kitchen

GLOBAL GREENGRAANTS FUND
Boulder, CO (www.greengrants.org)
$15,000 for general support

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
New York, NY (www.audubon.org)
$10,250 for 2017 Audubon Society Gala

NORTHERN FOREST ATLAS FOUNDATION
Lake Placid, NY (www.northernforestatlas.org)
$22,500 for Northern Forest Atlas Project

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE
New York, NY (www.openspaceinstitute.org)
$25,000 for Adirondack Gateway Redevelopment Project (on Frontier Town site in North Hudson)

PROSPECT PARK ALLIANCE
Brooklyn, NY (www.prospectpark.org)
$10,000 for Natural Resources Crew

PROTECT THE ADIRONDACKS!
Lake George, NY (www.protectadks.org)
$7,500 for general support

SAVE THE BAY
Providence, RI (www.savebay.org)
$45,000 payment toward five-year (FY2016-2020) grant for the 2020 Bay Defense Fund Capacity Campaign
SPONSORED GRANTS (CONT’D)

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY—ADIRONDACK CHAPTER
Keene Valley, NY (www.nature.org)
$20,000 for Staying Connected Initiative: Protecting Priority Habitat Connections in a Changing Climate

WATERFRONT ALLIANCE
New York, NY (www.waterfrontalliance.org)
$15,000 for Work Towards an Ecologically Sustainable, Equitable, and Resilient Waterfront

WAVE HILL
Bronx, NY (www.wavehill.org)
$25,000 for general support

WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE
Washington, DC (www.wri.org)
$25,000 for Climate Program

SOCIAL CHANGE/ SOCIAL SERVICES

CENTURION
Princeton, NJ (www.centurion.org)
$30,000 for Securing Freedom for the Wrongly Convicted

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (FISCAL SPONSOR: SOLIDAGO FOUNDATION)
Northampton, MA (www.criminaljusticeinitiative.org)
$20,000 for Political Education Meetings and Increased Grantmaking

EXALT YOUTH
Brooklyn, NY (www.exaltyouth.org)
$500 in honor of Martha Frances Cannell

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New York, NY (www.fapc.org)
$30,000 payment toward three-year (FY2015-2017) grant for a New Sanctuary Sound System
HAITIAN EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
New York, NY (www.uhelp.net)
$9,000 for Building Haiti’s Human Capital through Higher Education

KEEWAYDIN FOUNDATION
Salisbury, VT (www.keewaydin.org)
$7,500 for Keewaydin Camperships

LINEAGE PROJECT
Brooklyn, NY (www.lineageproject.org)
$18,000 for general support

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL
New York, NY (www.citylaw.org)
$6,750 for the publications of the Center for New York City Law

RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
Bronx, NY (www.riverdaleonline.org)
$5,000 for Youth Internship Program

THE ADVOCACY INSTITUTE
Brooklyn, NY (hi.advocacy-institute.org)
$5,000 for Legislative Advocacy Training for Funders
“EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL OF AMPLIFYING THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR WAR”

Since 1971, The Prospect Hill Foundation has supported NGOs working on issues related to nuclear nonproliferation, disarmament and arms control. Inspired by the U.N. sponsored Humanitarian Initiative -- a global effort by member states of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to explore the humanitarian consequences of nuclear war -- the Foundation convened its grantees, policy experts, and funder-colleagues on July 12, 2016 to discuss how the concept of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear conflict could be used to foster greater philanthropic concern and reignite interest in nuclear disarmament among the U.S. general public.

The diverse group of participants developed various ideas that were captured in a brief report (prospect-hill.org/12-july-meeting-report) by Dr. Matthew McKinzie (NRDC) and Daryl Kimball (ACA). Numerous recommendations were articulated, including the need for more scientific research.

One of the recommendations was to hold a reception in the fall of 2016 in New York City against the backdrop of anticipated U.N. discussions related to negotiations for a new instrument (the Nuclear Ban Treaty) to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons. In partnership with the Ploughshares Fund, The Prospect Hill Foundation organized a high-level reception for individual philanthropists, NGO leaders, foundation heads and diplomats to highlight the grave consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and the urgent need to delegitimize these dangerous weapons.
The gathering, held on October 17, 2016 at the Knickerbocker Club, was attended by several international ambassadors as well as actor Michael Douglas, the United Nations Messenger of Peace. The program, moderated by Ploughshares President Joe Cirincione, featured remarks by H.E. Thani Thongphakdi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand and Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Disarmament; Dr. Alan Robock of Rutgers University, a leading scientific researcher on the climate and food security effects of nuclear war; Carl Robichaud, Program Officer for Peace & Security at the Carnegie Corporation; and Beatrice Fihn, executive director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. A robust question and answer session followed with comments by several eminent and longtime leaders including Ambassador Dell Higgie of New Zealand, Dr. Max Tegmark of MIT, Dr. Ira Helfand of Physicians for Social Responsibility and Dr. Rebecca Johnson of the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy.

The effort to increase and enhance civil society public education and advocacy about the horrific effects of nuclear weapons use continues. The Prospect Hill Foundation celebrated when more than 120 countries adopted The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (undocs.org/A/CONF.229/2017/8) at the United Nations on July 7, 2017.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

As a matter of course, unsolicited requests for support are not considered. Invited applicants may submit proposals through our online grantee portal (foundationConnect).

APPLICATION DETAILS:
The proposal narrative should be no more than six pages and include:
• organization background and history
• proposed grant activities, including timeframe
• a description of how success will be measured

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS:
• project budget for proposed grant activities, if applicable
• two years of organizational budgets
• list of major foundation and corporate donors
• most recent audited financial statements
• biographies of key staff members
• list of board of directors
• 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter
YEARS OF REFLECTION

The Prospect Hill Foundation will enter a Year of Reflection (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) during which it will suspend grantmaking as usual and instead will explore what it has done well and how it could improve as a philanthropic institution. We will be having conversations with a large sampling of the Foundation’s current and past grantees to learn more about their needs and impact. In addition, the staff and board will be exploring trends in philanthropy and ways that modestly-sized family foundations can have strategic impact and leverage limited resources. By the end of our Year of Reflection, we aim to have greater clarity about our funding agenda, programs, priorities and activities going forward.
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