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| **Shared Framework Title** | Drones and Targeted Killings | | |
| **Amount Requested** | $140,000 | | |
| **Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)** | USP received a first transfer of $775k. Upon developing some of the later grants, some adjustments in grantees and amounts raised the total needed to $830k as of August/September 2015 and an additional $55k was then allocated. The current amendment, if granted, would add $140k to that total. This additional request accounts for the Advisory Group’s interest in developing a grant to the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC). The other change reflected here is that we received a contribution from another USP program to our grant to CorpWatch, enabling some of the SF funds allocated to CorpWatch ($35k of the last allocation and $15k of USP funds from NSHR) to shift over to CIVIC. Current and projected spending of SF funds and USP contribution, as amended, is detailed further in the attached chart. | | |
| **Background (Optional)** |  | | |
| **Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)** | The proposed grant to CIVIC would support the project, “Protecting Civilians from the Impact of Drone Attacks,” to advocate for consistent government policy and practice with respect to civilian harm mitigation in cases of U.S. use of force and to provide technical expertise with government officials and other stakeholders on how such policies and practices might best be implemented. The project includes specific attention to the civilian harm resulting from the use of armed drones and other counterterrorism operations outside of declared areas of hostility. | | |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | CIVIC will provide technical expertise to the U.S. government on investigation and post-harm assistance and participate in regular advocacy meetings with the administration and various relevant agencies, including the National Security Council, DOD, and the State Department. It will also advocate for the DOD and US Army Training and Doctrine Command to create joint doctrine on civilian casualty mitigation, offering technical assistance to help the authorities develop it.  As one of a number of NGOs working on the issue globally, CIVIC will host a roundtable meeting in the U.S. in February 2016 to facilitation coordination, and will offer its technical assistance and information on best practices to advocacy organizations. By March, CIVIC expects to disseminate a briefing paper on ways the U.S. can investigate and provide post-harm assistance, in contexts without the presence of ground troops; it will identify specific roles for both the State and Defense Departments in this effort. Later in the year, CIVIC expects to share expertise with European-based NGOs engaging their own governments on civilian harm mitigation and the use of armed drones.  CIVIC also proposes to develop a media strategy, drawing on its staff as well as a consultant. Part of this will be direct communication of CIVIC’s perspective and part will be an effort to get journalists to reinvigorate the public discussion on the use of lethal drones and the recommendations CIVIC develops. | | |
| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | This allocation to US Programs would allow USP to add $140,000 to the remaining $60,000 on hand to make a one year project grant to Center for Civilians in Conflict to advance our goals on civilian compensation by the US (goal 1) and, potentially, other countries (goal 3). | | |
| **Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | Financial collaboration: US Programs is contributing $15k to this grant, which was developed in concert with OSF-DC and in discussion with the Drones Advisory Group. CIVIC will partner with other grantees, especially the Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School, and facilitate coordination as well as offer its technical knowledge on *how* to achieve systematic compensation. This amended allocation also reflects an additional contribution of $60k to the work of the shared framework from another US Program (on investigative journalism) for the CorpWatch project. While not coded to the SF category of work, this *effectively* increases USP’s contribution to $410k. | | |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)** | See above. | | |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work** | Lisa Magarrell (USP) will oversee the grant process (on the October docket) and monitor the grant, in consultation with other members of the advisory group and related programs. | | |
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| **Approver (Lead)**  *(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name | James Goldston | |
| Date Approved | 22 October 2015 | |
| **Approver (Lead) Notes / Comments (Optional)**  *(To be completed by approver only)* |  | | |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | **Not** Rapid Response | | Rapid Response *(See procedure on* [*KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/files/ii.-policies/rapid-response-as-of-10-november-2014.docx/)*)* |
| **If approved, where to allocate the budget?**  *(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | | $775,000.00USD + $55,000 + $140,000 |
| Category of Work | | SFS007 SHARED FRAMEWORK: Lethal Drones & Targeted Killings |
| Division/Program Code | | 21095.6 |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | | FPOS |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | | Non-lobbying |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | | U.S.-based grantees, but broader benefit to extend globally (including to Europe and areas of drone use) |