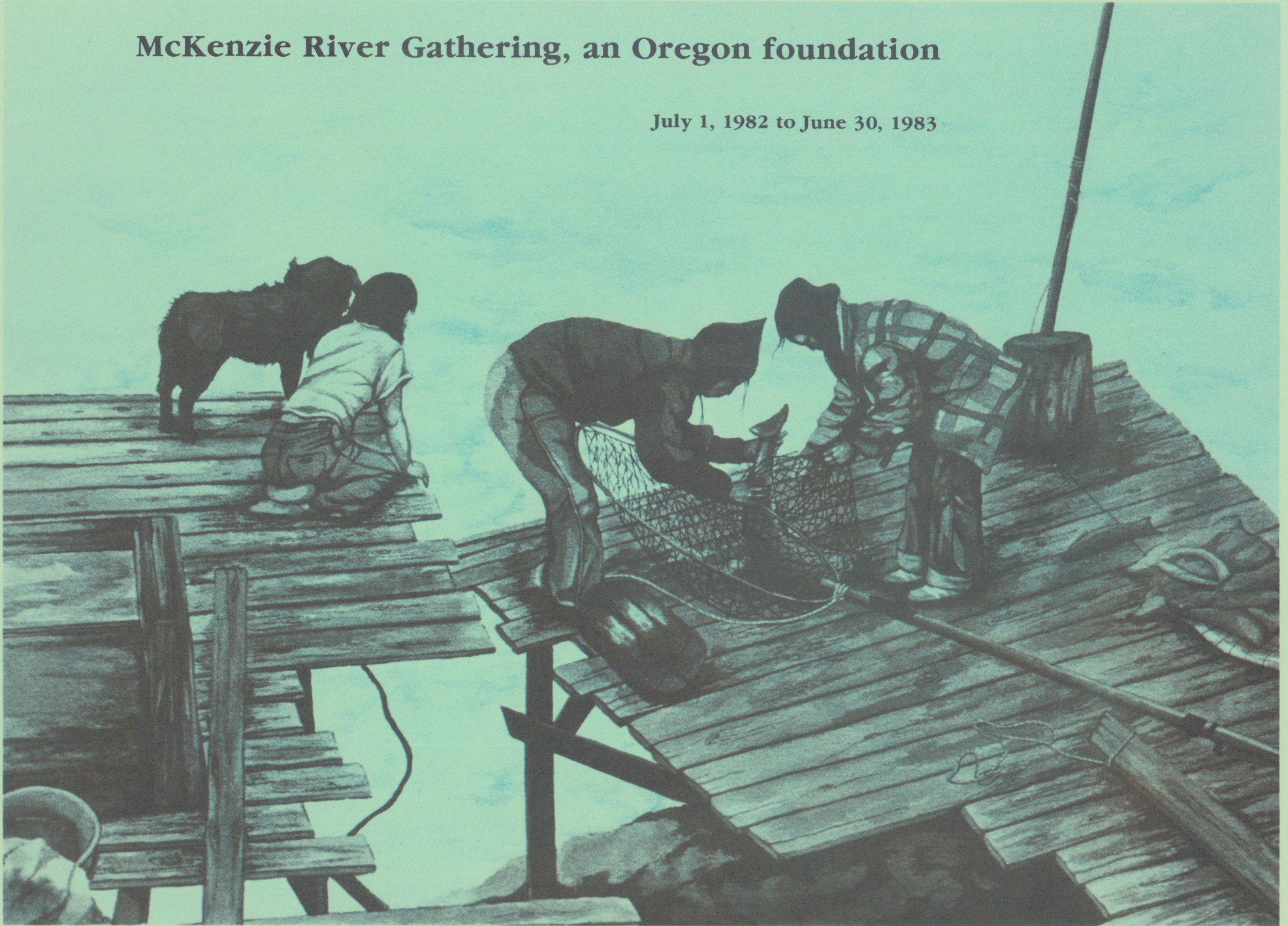


McKenzie River Gathering, an Oregon foundation

July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983



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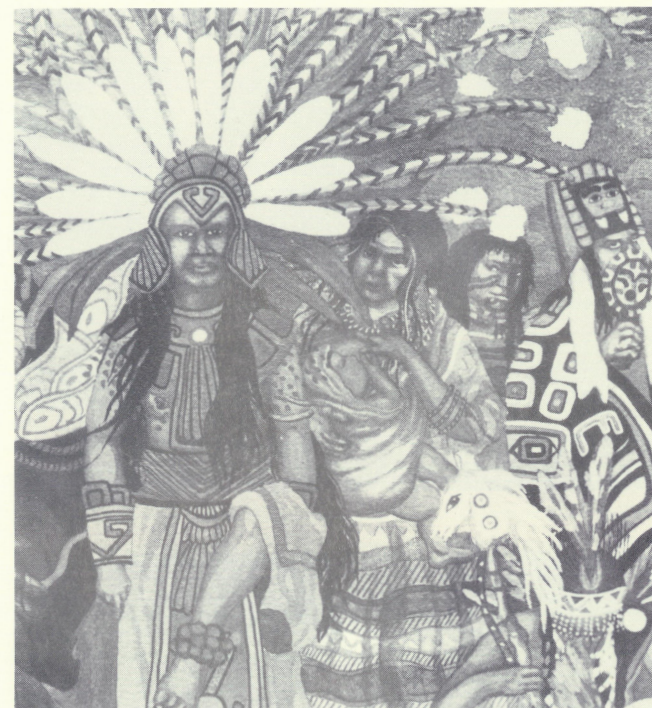
To Charles Gray and Dorothy Granada, both
former members of MRG, for the dedication of
their lives to warn humanity that we must stop
the arms race. May their sacrifices deepen our
commitment to peace and change.

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Introduction

McKenzie River Gathering has just completed its first full year as an Oregon foundation, after six years as a Northwest foundation. We continue to fund community-based groups working for economic, political and social justice, as well as protection of the natural environment upon which the economy of Oregon depends. In this fiscal year, we operated with a \$181,000 budget, with \$96,216 going to grants, \$26,500 for expenses, and \$58,650 in loans made from a restricted, revolving loan fund. In the past seven years, we have supported more than 635 projects with grants and loans totalling over \$951,000.

We are growing and strengthening our roots in Oregon. We have a state-wide board of directors, grantmaking committee, and base of support. As a fund-raising, tax-exempt foundation, our results in Oregon are better than ever before!

The 1982-1983 Fiscal Year: July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

During the period covered by this report, MRG made 80 grants amounting to \$96,216. (Descriptions of the projects funded begin on page 5.)

MRG's work was done by one full time and one part time staff and over forty volunteers, all committed to the foundation's efforts to direct financial resources into specific, much-needed action.

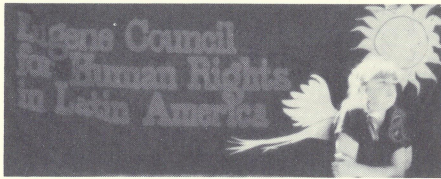
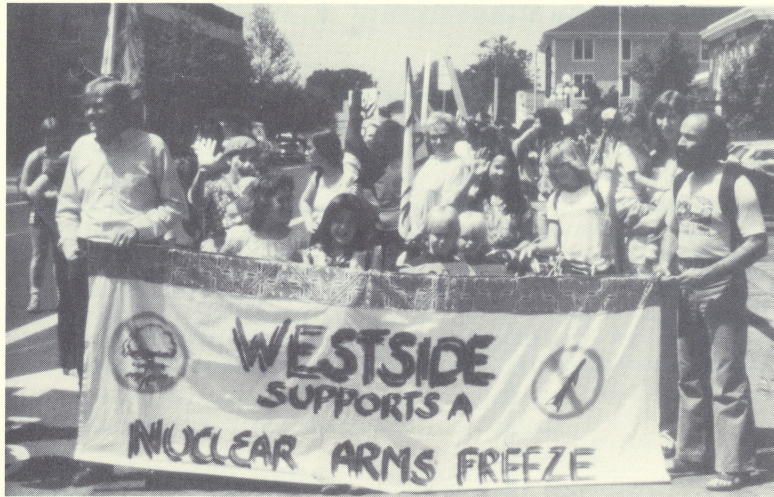
The highlights of this past year include:

- 300 people contributed \$139,516
- increased income by 50% in Oregon
- increased grant dollars, by almost 100%, to more groups throughout Oregon
- decreased costs by 50% of running the foundation in Oregon
- a new, nine person board of directors
- a new, fourteen person grant-making committee
- one office in Eugene with a full time staff person and a part time consultant
- a state-wide donor group that met regularly
- \$58,650 in loans from the West End Loan Fund to co-operative businesses in Lane County
- the formation of the First People's Coalition to enhance multi-cultural and Third World organizing in Oregon
- outreach meetings in the North Coast area for current and potential grantees and donors
- national tax-exempt sponsorship for the Pacific Peacemaker Project

In MRG's first year as an Oregon foundation, our donations, grants and representation of Oregon communities has grown. We've developed a core group of people to work on the grantmaking committee and board of directors. MRG continues to respond to social change needs throughout the state.

We hope that you are informed by this annual report, inspired by the vital and creative projects described here, and moved to become or continue to be an MRG supporter.





The Funding Process

The McKenzie River Gathering funding process is designed to involve grantmakers and grant applicants in constructive, evaluative dialogue.

When a new funding cycle is announced, applications and granting criteria are mailed to groups throughout the social change community in Oregon. Grantmakers read and evaluate each of the proposals that come in to the office. At a screening meeting to narrow the number of proposals, grantmakers share their evaluations and add other information that they may have about the group or its proposal.

An MRG grantmaker visits each finalist. During this interview, MRG members ask the group for additional information. This interview is a time to share observations about the group's program and budget plans. The interviewer also answers questions about MRG and offers assistance to the applicant group in preparing their oral presentation.

The community oral presentation is a crucial part of the funding process. At these open meetings, each applicant group gives a brief description of the project they want funded, and then responds to questions from the grantmakers and other applicants. Many groups find this day helpful in developing program presentation skills and in networking with other community activists. The community presentations are often an exciting event for those who participate.

After the presentations, the grantmakers meet again to evaluate all the information and prioritize the funding requests. Grant recommendations made by this committee are formally approved by the MRG Board.

At the end of the grant term, usually six months to a year, grantees submit a project evaluation. The group is asked to evaluate both the success of their project and the quality of their planning. If a group applies for another grant, this evaluation is part of their field interview, and no new grant is made unless the evaluation of their past grant is complete.



The Granting Criteria

McKenzie River Gathering funds organizations which bring people together to work for progressive social change. We support groups involved in educating the community and challenging the vast social, political and economic inequalities around us. Our funding is aimed at moving us toward a democratic, non-violent, decentralized, ecologically sound society.

MRG will only consider proposals for funding from groups:

- Working actively for social change.
- Operating in a democratic, non-discriminatory manner which is responsive to the constituency served.
- Located in the state of Oregon.
- Unlikely to receive sufficient funding from other sources.

In order to more clearly describe our definition of "working for social change" MRG particularly supports projects which:

- Promote grassroots organizing of women, people of color, and low-income and working people.
- Work against violence, racism, sexism, anti-gay attitudes and economic exploitation.
- Organize for economic self-control and confront our corporate dominated society.
- Work to promote an environmentally sensitive society.
- Focus on non-violent social change actions.
- Encourage networking of similar social change groups.
- Support the self-determination of Third World and low-income people.
- Oppose over-consumption in our society.
- Connect local problems with the overall issues of social change.
- Work for peace conversion or reduction of the military.
- Present cultural and artistic work with social change impact.
- Conduct social change research.

MRG generally does not fund food co-ops, health centers, alternative schools, or social services unless these projects are promoting social change beyond their basic function.

The Grants

I. Human Rights

ACCESS Enterprises, Portland	\$ 2,000
Artistas Indigena, Madras	2,000
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene	2,000
Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft, Eugene	2,000
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene	1,580
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Canyonville	350
First Peoples' Coalition, Eugene	1,500
Klamath Tribe, Chiloquin	1,365
Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, Salem	1,770
Six Directions, Portland	1,820
SW Oregon Native American Consortium, Eugene	200
Willamette Valley Immigration Project, Woodburn	1,200
Women's Coalition of Josephine County, Grants Pass	1,965
Womenspace, Eugene	1,500

II. Community Organizing

Coalition for Democratic Alternatives, Bend	\$ 1,950
Common Wealth Fund, Seattle	1,640
KBOO-FM, Portland	2,300
Lane County Clients' Council, Eugene	1,500
North Coast Community Radio, Astoria	1,100
Springfield Fair Share, Springfield	1,400
West End Co-operative Fund, Lane County	
Amity Foundation (loan)	2,688
Devi's Country Soy Sausage (loan)	2,000
NW Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (loan)	9,000
Schumacher Society Conference (grant)	300
Research on Food co-operatives (grant)	100
Solstice Bakery Co-operative (loan)	4,200
Organically Grown Co-operative (loan)	12,000
Surata Soyfoods, Inc. (loan committed)	7,062
Genesis Juice Co-operative (loan committed)	9,000
Riverbrook Co-operative Farm (loan committed)	12,300

III. Environment and Energy

Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene	\$ 1,500
Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Salem	1,500
Critical Mass Productions, Portland	1,000
Lincoln County People for Peace, Newport	2,000
No on Port Expansion, Mulino	2,000
NW Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene	2,000
Oregon Natural Resources Council, Eugene	1,000
Radiation Education Council, Lakeview	500

IV. Donor-Advised Grants

Black United Front, Portland	\$ 500
Caribbean Basin Information Project, Washington, D.C.	660.50
Chiloquin Donation Fund, Chiloquin	150
Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene (5 grants)	3,406
Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Salem (2 grants)	1,650
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene (5 grants)	4,996
Coalition for Democratic Alternatives, Bend	130
Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft, Eugene (2 grants)	1,705
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene	550
Common Wealth Fund, Seattle (3 grants)	2,380.62
Community Center for the Performing Arts, Eugene (2 grants)	5,586.15
Fast for Life, Creswell	50
Final Violation, Portland	45
Forelaws on Board, Portland	500
Friends of Myra Willard, Eugene	200
Friends of the Hot Springs Trust, Eugene	138
KBOO-FM, Portland	1,500
Lane County Clients' Council, Eugene	200
Nonviolent Tactics Development Project, Eugene	70
NW Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene	1,000

Northwest Working Press, Eugene	2,339.40
Nuclear Weapons Education Project St. Louis	3,125
Oregon Community Land Trust, Eugene (2 grants)	2,000
Oregon Environmental Council, Portland (2 grants)	1,500
Oregon Natural Resources Council, Eugene (2 grants)	2,000
Oregonians for Responsible Land Development, Springfield	1,370
Pacific Peacemaker Project, Inc. Seattle	4,829
Peace House, Ashland	1,250
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee	125
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative, Eugene	5,000
Schumacher Society Conference, Eugene	200
Sojourners, Eugene	860
Snake River Alliance, Boise	1,045.50
Whiteaker Tool Library, Eugene	736
West Women's Hotel, Portland	1,000
Women for Disarmament, Eugene	779

V. Totals Fiscal 82-83

Total Grants in Oregon	\$ 96,216
Total Grants In Washington made by Common Wealth Fund, a project of MRG, from July 1, 1982 to February 28, 1983	8,600
Total Grants	<u>\$104,816</u>
Total Grants and Loans (restricted West End Fund, Eugene)	\$ 58,650
Total Grants and Loans	<u>\$163,466</u>

Human Rights

ACCESS Enterprises, Portland, \$2,000

ACCESS provides assistance to women in non-traditional jobs fighting issues such as sex harassment and violations of affirmative action rights. ACCESS finds there is presently large-scale non-compliance and lack of enforcement of these rights. The only source of action has become individuals filing complaints. This grant keeps open the ACCESS phone for women needing advocates and technical information gained from experience with sexual discrimination cases.

Artistas Indigena, Madras, \$2,000

Artistas organized three art shows in Eugene, Portland and Warm Springs of the works of Native women from the Americas. These shows demonstrate the cultural strength of their resistance to military and nuclear industry threats. This grant provided publicity, rent and travel money for these shows. The works of Susana Santos, one of the main artists and organizers of this project, are featured in this annual report.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$2,000

CALC in Lane County continues to be a central force for social change. This spring, CALC organized many activities: a conference promoting multi-cultural work against local racism, support for the AIM trials in Portland, a conference on the connections between racism and war, a multi-cultural children's camp, and a Jobs for Peace rally. This grant supported salaries for work against racism.

Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft, Eugene, \$2,000

CORD works to inform and protect young people and their rights under registration for the draft. CORD also educates the community, especially parents, teachers and counselors at schools on these issues. This grant paid for staff salaries in CORD's outreach to high schools and colleges.

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene, \$1,580

CISCAP raises funds for relief of refugees from the regional war in Central America. They also educate about events as that war grows and affects American public interests. This grant paid for a newsletter CISCAP distributed as they did door to door fund-raising in Eugene.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Canyonville, \$350

In 1983 the Cow Creek Band celebrated their recognition as a tribe after struggling over 150 years to be recognized and gain health, educational and economic development benefits. This grant paid for the printing of an historical program describing that struggle for their recognition celebration.

First Peoples' Coalition, Eugene, \$1,500

The First People's Coalition brought together over thirty activists from the Black, Asian, Hispanic and Native American communities of Oregon to investigate ways of working against racism and for multi-cultural awareness. This grant paid for the costs of that week-end conference. This grant was made by the MRG Board to help people of color who are MRG members reach out and carry out this organizing.

The Klamath Tribe, Chiloquin, \$1,365

The Klamath Tribe is one of the largest groups of Native Americans in Oregon, and yet, because of Federal termination in 1954, Klamaths born since then have no status, rights, or benefits as Indians. This grant paid for tribal research to enable Klamaths to evaluate what the struggle for gaining recognition would bring them and their children.



Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, Salem, \$1,770

This sheltering network protects victims of domestic violence. They help people throughout the mid-Willamette Valley, from communities around the state's capital to the largest Hispanic community north of Salem. This grant supported two groups: a teen-aged group of victims of sexual abuse and violence and a parenting group of older women who wish to learn non-violent parenting skills.



**Willamette Valley Immigration Project,
Woodburn, \$1,200**

This Immigration project is the Hispanic community's legal education and action arm to protect the rights of undocumented workers and Mexican/American families in immigration proceedings. This grant was used to buy time on a Woodburn Spanish language radio station to communicate with undocumented workers, especially those working in the treeplanting industry.

**Women's Coalition of Josephine
County, Grants Pass, \$1,965**

This crisis service offers aid to a large rural area in Southern Oregon. WCJC organizers have found that the isolation of rural women who are victims of sexual assault keeps them from seeking help. This grant was made to do outreach to those women to bring them into workshops that could end their isolation.

Womenspace, Eugene, \$1,500

Womenspace recently moved into a new facility to serve as a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This grant helped pay for building improvements that provided both a quiet office space and a private counseling space.

Six Directions, Portland, \$1,820

Six Directions seeks to improve the situations of Native American prisoners held in Oregon. They help by showing prisoners' art work to the community and by working with prisoners on parole planning. This grant was a start-up grant to provide phone, rent and travel money.

**Southwest Oregon Native American
Consortium, Eugene, \$200**

This Native American project brought to Eugene a Native American children's theater from Coos Bay called Earth's Children. They performed for a conference of educators and students looking for ways to improve multi-cultural understanding in Oregon. This grant provided travel costs and expenses.

Community Organizing

Coalition for Democratic Alternatives, Bend, \$1,950

This Coalition networks social change activists from all issue areas across the great geographical distances of rural Central and Eastern Oregon. This grant supported fund-raising and outreach to Third World and labor activists from Ontario to Warm Springs and from Baker to Burns.

Common Wealth Fund, Seattle, \$1,640

The CWF was the Seattle area arm of the McKenzie River Gathering from 1976 through February 1983. Now CWF has become tax-exempt on its own and is a developing community foundation. This grant was made by the MRG Board to help support CWF's independence.

KBOO-FM, Portland, \$2,300

KBOO is one of the fastest-growing listener supported, community radio stations in Oregon. They provide full access to the air for social change groups. But KBOO's growth has raised its costs and outstripped public support at the same time that public radio everywhere is in crisis. This grant was made to support KBOO's local access for social change groups.

Lane County Clients' Council, Eugene, \$1,500

Clients' Council represents and organizes people who need social services that are being cut back by the redirection of Federal and local budgets. This grant helped to support their newspaper, which contains information on cutbacks, client rights, organizing for low-income people and education on where tax dollars are being spent.



North Coast Community Radio, KMUN-FM, Astoria, \$1,100

KMUN-FM went on the air on April 17, 1983. KMUN is a new progressive, musical voice for three northwestern Oregon counties, as well as the southeastern corner of Washington. This grant supports the access to the air waves of social change groups such as: Women's Crisis Service, an anti-toxic spray group OCEAN, Citizen Action for Lasting Security in its work for the FREEZE, Senior Services working on housing and transportation issues, and education on the difference between touching and sexual molestation—personal safety for children.

Springfield Fair Share, Springfield, \$1,400

This chapter of Fair Share has been in the forefront of the ratepayers' fight against the costs of WPPSS nuclear power plants in Hanford, Washington. This grant was made to enable follow-up on discoveries that WPPSS attorneys knew they were counseling WPPSS to violate the law when they said that public utility districts like Springfield Utility Board could enter WPPSS contracts to pay for nukes without a vote of the taxpayers.

The West End Co-operative Loan Fund, c/o MRG, Eugene, \$58,650 Total Aid

This Fund is a restricted revolving loan fund for programs aimed at providing high quality, low cost nutrition in Lane County. It was created by the organizers of the West End Food Co-operative and the Willamette Peoples' Co-operative and has helped democratically-managed farms, restaurants, food producers, food distributing co-operatives, and food researchers with \$99,500 in aid since early 1979.

Amity Foundation/fish farming project, loan	\$ 2,688
Devi's Country Soy Sausage, loan	2,000
NW Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, loan	9,000
Schumacher Society Conference, grant	300
Research on food co-operatives, grant	100
Solstice Bakery Co-operative, loan	4,200
Organically Grown Co-operative, loan	12,000
Surata Soy Foods, loan committed 6/83	7,062
Riverbrook Co-operative Farm, loan committed 6/83	12,300
Genesis Juice Co-operative, loan committed 6/83	9,000

TOTAL ALL AID: \$58,650

Energy and Environment



Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene, \$1,500

CALS is focusing its fight for the FREEZE on nuclear weapons against the scheduled deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in West Germany, England, and Sicily in the late Fall of 1983. This grant paid staff costs to support a public education campaign about the public interest issues caused by deploying missiles that make World War III six minutes away at any moment.

Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Salem, \$1,500

CALS Salem office has served the FREEZE well, organizing research projects, writing and publishing the Whole Freeze Catalogue of peace materials, and organizing the state-wide rally for Jobs, Peace and Freedom which was held in Salem on August 27, 1983 to commemorate Martin Luther King's stand for equality and peace. This grant helped pay costs for that rally, which linked up FREEZE activists with activists from Oregon's Black and Third World communities.

Critical Mass Productions, Portland, \$1,000

Critical Mass is a theater production company with its own theater which produces plays about the viability of humanity on such topics as peace, nuclear holocaust, apartheid, as well as a comedy about how we see "those Russians." This grant helped pay costs of a fund-raising Equinox event which drew 500 people and "Lovesong," a ritual of peace.

Lincoln County People for Peace, Newport, \$2,000

This coastal peace group educates against the nuclear arms race, has researched government plans to sink one hundred radioactive nuclear subs off Cape Mendocino, uncovered plans showing that the Navy would like to build a destroyer base in Newport, and organized a small boat peace regatta to greet the "Pacific Peacemaker" as it entered Newport harbor July 4, 1983. This grant was made to support printing and research costs.

No On Port Expansion, Mulino, \$2,000

NOPE has been fighting to enforce state land use planning laws and stop plans for the unpopular expansion of a small, rural airport that the Port of Portland wants to develop despite local objections that it will cover farm land, raise noise levels, and change Mulino into a busy airport town. This grant paid for expert testimony in this land use battle. NOPE lost the decision at the county level and is now considering an appeal.

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, \$2,000

This coalition of 75 member groups is currently involved in a lawsuit that could force a nation-wide re-evaluation of all Federal agency decisions on toxic spray operations. If NCAP prevails, spray decisions must include "worst case" research for each operation. This grant supported the publication of an issue of *NCAP News* that analyses the breakdown at the EPA and is (in the words of Jim Higgins of *Exposure* magazine) "the single best collection of articles—both technical and organizing—on the subject of pesticides that exists today."

Oregon Natural Resources Council, Eugene, \$1,000

ONRC is a state-wide association of 85 organizations with more than 2,000 members that works to balance resource development with preservation of those parts of Oregon that, if lost, cannot be renewed. This grant paid for production costs of a citizens' Guide to Monitoring and Appealing Timber Sales.

Radiation Education Council, Lakeview, \$500

REC is working on information to show why it is in the public health interest to re-define uranium mill tailings as radioactive wastes and to exclude them from storage in Oregon. This grant paid for travel and research costs for information requested by the Oregon Senate Environment and Energy Committee as it considered public health effects of uranium mill tailings.

Board Members

Judy Albrecht, Co-chairperson; works against war, for alternative mental health programs, and for Hospice.

Chinosole was a lecturer in Black literature at Lane Community College. She now teaches Black Studies at UC Santa Barbara.

Paul Bestler, Treasurer; works as construction supervisor for Homestead Housing, Inc., a mutual self-help housing agency. Paul is also on the board of OUR Federal Credit Union.

Jack Gray, former Chairperson; a farmer and member of the MRG Development Committee. Jack is active in fund-raising for MRG.

Sharon Hashimoto works within the Asian community and against racism. She also works with women in the prison system.

Misa Joo does anti-racism work, multicultural education, work for an anti-racist peace movement. Misa is a school teacher.

James L. Mason, also a Grantmaker; works with alienated youth and the administration of justice in the Black community.

Mary H. O'Brien, a botonist who works for pesticide reform, abortion rights, and nuclear disarmament.



Front row, left to right: Mary Lynn Cumings, consultant and grantmaker; the rest of the front row is the MRG Board: Norma Sax, Jack Gray, Judy Albrecht, Ben Priestley, Chinosole, Sharon Hashimoto.

Back row, left to right: Peter Jensen, director; the rest of the back row is the MRG Grantmaking Committee: Michael Stoops, Mary Sellin, Sarah Cook, Linda Reymers (also new part-time staff), Howard Shapiro, Diane Hess, Robin Johnson, Misa Joo, and Marion Malcolm (former Board member).

Not pictured: Paul Bestler, Mary O'Brien, Cheyney Ryan, Ray Willard, Debra Cook, Vietta Helmle, Yowko Ichioka-Richardson, Austin Ray, Ada Sanchez, Ruben Sholander, Leslie Brockelbank, Jill Heiman.

Ben Priestley, Co-chairperson; social worker active in community organizing primarily in the Black community.

Cheyney Ryan does anti-military and anti-racism work, active also in trade union organizing and local theater.

Ray Willard works for civil rights, racial equality, equal opportunity in employment and housing for Third World communities.

Attorney and CPA

Jill Heiman a consultant for non-profit and tax-exempt public interest organizations. Jill has served as MRG's attorney since its inception in 1976.

Patrick N. Ventura, CPA besides doing our annual audits, Pat has served as a technical advisor to MRG.



Left to right: Doug Sherman, Development Committee; Gloria Ojeda, Grantmaking Committee; James Mason, Board member and Grantmaking Committee.

Development

Committee

Leslie Brockelbank
Jack Gray
Peter Jensen
Doug Sherman

Leslie Brockelbank is a member of the Development Committee. Leslie is chairperson of Clergy and Laity Concerned, works against war, and counsels tax resisters.

Doug Sherman is also a member of the MRG Development Committee, active in planning and fund-raising.

Grantmakers

Debra Cook works with a Black women's cultural group, Ebony Eyes, and produces a show on local cable TV.

Sarah Cook works with a community radio station and is active in lesbian rights and other feminist issues.

Mary Lynn Cumings worked as an MRG consultant until 6/30/83 on media outreach, volunteer co-ordination, preparation of publications and grantmaking.

Vietta Helmle works on issues of poverty and women and is active in a Salem area women's crisis center.

Diane Hess is active in Central American solidarity work and is a client-advocate for low-income people in the Portland area.

Yowko Ichioka-Richardson is a teacher who also works in the religious community on peace and racism. Yowko is active in the Asian-American community.

Peter Jensen has worked as MRG office director for seven years. Peter has helped groups searching for funding with MRG and beyond. He also works with the West End Fund.

Robin Johnson is a Native American from Coos Bay. She is a counselor at the Indian alcohol and drug project in Eugene and is active in the Native American community.

Gloria Ojeda is board vice-president of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic in the Spanish-speaking community around Cornelius, Oregon.

Grantmakers

Austin Ray is the associate minister of the United Methodist Church in Springfield and serves on the boards of Springfield Fair Share and Clergy and Laity Concerned. Austin is also active in the Black community.

Linda Reymers has been active in feminist issues. She now works with a pesticide reform organization and as a fundraising consultant. She began work as an MRG staff person in September 1983.

Ada Sanchez is co-coordinator of Peoples' Test Ban, writes on issues of war and peace. She is also active in Third World, non-intervention, civil rights and feminist issues.

Norma Sax works in community organizing at the Community Village and on the board of White Bird Clinic. She worked for the Wellness Project and was also on the MRG board.

Ruben Sholander works with the Chicano Affairs Center in Eugene addressing the needs of the Spanish-speaking community.

Mary Sellin is a small business owner who works on pesticide reform, violence against women and is involved with a north coast community radio station.

Howard Shapiro is a media consultant in the Portland area with a special interest in social change in Oregon.

Michael Stoops works with low-income people in the Burnside community and is a gay rights activist. Michael also works with the Guardian Angels in the Portland area.

Financial Report

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1983

Assets

Current assets

Cash on hand	\$ 61
Cash in bank — unrestricted	37,761
Cash in bank — restricted	29,891
Loans and note receivable, current (Note 2)	<u>23,654</u>

Total current assets 91,367

Loans and note receivable, long-term (Note 2) 26,155

Equipment, at cost (Note 1) 1,410

Less: accumulated depreciation (Note 1) (344)

Total equipment 1,076

Total assets \$118,598

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities

Grants payable	\$ 10,235
Payroll taxes payable	<u>905</u>

Total current liabilities 11,140

Fund balances

Restricted, West End Co-operative Fund	79,700
Investment in equipment	1,076
Unrestricted	<u>26,682</u>

Total fund balances 107,458

Total liabilities and fund balances \$118,598

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES for the year ended June 30, 1983

Support and revenues

Contributions	\$139,516
Interest and dividends	317
Restricted fund interest	7,345
Grant returns	4,245
Other revenues	383
Gain on sale of securities	<u>306</u>

Total support and revenues 152,112

Direct expenses

Grants made — general	96,216
Grants made — restricted fund	400
Broker fees	652
Fund raising expense	<u>4,205</u>

Total direct expenses 101,473

Administrative expenses

Salaries and wages	13,618
Rent	1,206
Telephone	1,618
Staff child care	66
Postage	550
Office supplies	311
Copying and printing	446
Transportation	1,178
Meetings expense	743
Equipment maintenance and expense	6
Professional fees	4,639
Health insurance	205
Payroll taxes and insurance	653
Miscellaneous expense	800
Depreciation (Note 1)	184
Restricted fund expense	155
Loan write-offs	<u>100</u>

Total administrative expenses 26,478

Total expenses 127,951

Excess of support and revenues over expenses

from continuing operations 24,161

Discontinued operations (Note 3)

Excess of support and revenues over expenses of the Common Wealth Fund, a project of the McKenzie River Gathering	21,661
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Grant of net assets to the Common Wealth Fund, March 1, 1983	<u>(22,292)</u>
	<u>(631)</u>

Excess of support and revenues over expenses \$ 23,530

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
for the year ended June 30, 1983

	Restricted	Investment in equipment	Unrestricted	Total fund balances
Fund balances, July 1, 1982	\$72,893	\$ 2,061	\$ 8,974	\$ 83,928
Add—Excess of support and revenues over expenses:				
Continuing operations	6,790	(184)	17,555	24,161
Discontinued operations (Note 3)		(124)	21,785	21,661
Fund transfers	17	----	(17)	----
Grant of net assets to the Common Wealth Fund, March 1, 1983		(677)	(21,615)	(22,292)
Fund balances, June 30, 1983	<u>\$79,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,076</u>	<u>\$26,682</u>	<u>\$107,458</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 1983

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization — McKenzie River Gathering is a non-profit publicly supported foundation exempt from income taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Donated Assets — Assets received as contributions are stated at the fair market value of such assets at date of contribution.

Equipment and Depreciation — Equipment is depreciated by the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful life of the equipment.

NOTE 2 — LOANS AND NOTE RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1983, loans and note receivable consisted of:

Loans from West End Co-operative Fund	
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$ 4,800
Thistle Organics	1,939
Surata Soyfoods, Inc.	13,420
Amity Foundation	1,856
Organically Grown Co-operative	13,500
Solstice Bakery Collective	<u>3,967</u>
Sub-total WEF loans	<u>\$39,482</u>
Note receivable from Wilma and Shirley Foster dated May 15, 1981	<u>\$10,327</u>
Total loans and notes receivable	<u>\$49,809</u>

NOTE 3 — DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

As of March 1, 1982, the membership of McKenzie River Gathering (MRG), agreed that the Seattle office of MRG would become a separate foundation, with MRG becoming the Seattle foundation's tax exempt sponsor until such time as it received its own tax exempt status. On March 1, 1983, the Seattle foundation now known as the Common Wealth Fund was granted tax exempt status; and on that date McKenzie River Gathering granted the following net assets to the Common Wealth Fund:

Cash in bank	\$21,115
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	677
Payroll advance	<u>500</u>
Total grant	<u>\$22,292</u>

For the period July 1, 1982 through February 28, 1983, the summary of revenues and expenses for the Common Wealth Fund (as a project of McKenzie River Gathering) was as follows:

Support and revenues	
Contributions	\$41,819
Grants received	1,500
Other revenues	<u>1,789</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>45,108</u>
Grants made	8,600
Fund raising expense	200
Administrative expense	<u>14,647</u>
	<u>23,447</u>
Excess of support and revenues over expenses	<u>\$21,661</u>

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I have examined the balance sheet of McKenzie River Gathering as of June 30, 1983 and the related statements of support, revenues and expenses and of changes in fund balances for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of McKenzie River Gathering as of June 30, 1983, and the results of its operations and the changes in its fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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Eugene, Oregon
September 27, 1983

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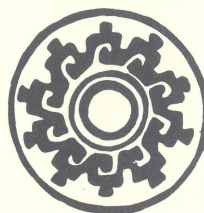
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The national office gives technical and financial aid to community funds and makes national and international grants from its National Community Funds program.

The Funding Exchange also promotes the growth of community funds in every region of the country through its Development Fund. Last year, MRG received a \$10,000 grant to help us through our first year as an Oregon foundation. This year, other funds will benefit. To support this effort, MRG is looking for donors who—above their giving in Oregon—want to support the development of foundations like MRG elsewhere. For information, call MRG or the Funding Exchange.

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McKenzie River Gathering's Donors

MRG's growth over the past seven years was made possible through the loyalty and consistent support of its ever-growing, diverse group of donors. Although donors with inherited wealth have been MRG's traditional supporters, many MRG donors are not wealthy, and their contributions come from their salaries and personal savings. What MRG donors have in common is a commitment to funding change, not charity in Oregon. MRG enables you to fund vital groups close to home rather than having your money go to taxes.

Services to donors

The MRG way of grantmaking is our primary service to donors. Wide outreach in Oregon is done for each funding cycle, and local activists thoroughly evaluate all proposals while making funding decisions. Follow-up evaluations monitor grant effectiveness. Your donations go to the most timely projects.

MRG also administers and evaluates donor-advised gifts. (See FY 81/82 list on pg. 5.) The donor may choose the issue area (within MRG granting criteria), the geographic area, and nominate grantees. MRG staff work with donors to insure that the donor's intentions and the purposes of MRG are carried out.

There is an MRG donor group made up of people who have contributed \$250 or more in the last fiscal year. This is a supportive group of people who meet to discuss money and personal issues. This year, forty-four people were eligible to go to these meetings. The topics this year have been alternative investments, review of MRG grants made, and personal concerns. Future topics include: money and children, work-related issues, loaning money, taxes, and more on investments.

As a member of the Funding Exchange, MRG can put donors in touch with other community-based funds and national and international projects that are worth funding. MRG can provide active donors with information about national donor meetings.



In addition, MRG has several publications that are useful to donors. *The Gift Giving Guide* outlines methods and tax implications of giving money away. *Robin Hood Was Right* addresses a wide variety of issues involved in having money. "Resource for Socially Responsible Investment" describes alternative funds and investment programs throughout the country. The transcript of a Phil Donahue TV show deals with money, giving and the American dream. *The Grantseeker's Guide* details the interests of major progressive funding sources throughout the country.

Finding New Donors

Approximately three hundred people donated through MRG this fiscal year. They live throughout Oregon in communities like: Eugene, Portland, Ashland, Lincoln City, John Day, Bend and Newport. MRG raised \$97,000 in general donations from 120 donors, 45 of them new, plus \$53,000 donor-advised. Next year, we hope to raise at least \$100,000, with some of that replacing a \$10,000 grant from the Funding Exchange, and some coming from people who now donor-advise, plus income from one hundred new donors.

Current donors play an important part in our outreach to new donors. They do this by hosting informational meetings about MRG, asking friends and relatives to become involved with MRG, and working with one of two MRG fund-raising committees. You can make your contribution even more effective by helping MRG find new donors.

Ways to Contribute

Since MRG is not a currently endowed foundation, we must continually raise money for on-going grantmaking. There are many ways to contribute to MRG: cash, checks, pledges, stocks, property, trust agreements, and bequests through wills.

- checks—make payable to McKenzie River Gathering
- pledges—gifts pledged for specific amounts at specific times allow MRG to plan ahead more effectively
- stocks and property—if given directly to MRG, donors do not have to pay a capital gains tax on the appreciated value
- trust agreements—trust terms with individuals or incorporated donors can be designed to fit social change purposes and MRG tax-exempt program
- wills—a bequest to MRG can be part of your will

We suggest verifying details of specific arrangements with your accountant or lawyer. Remember, up to 30% of adjusted gross income can be exempted from tax by donating to the McKenzie River Gathering.

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