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U.S. Foundation Paid Tides Canada for project to influence Liberal and NDP leadership picks

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* [Wilburforce Organizing f...jpg \(442 KB\)](#)

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to let you know that I have not received a reply from you with regards to my questions about the funding for [Organizing for Change](#). As I understand, this is a Tides Canada project which seeks to influence the leadership picks of both the Liberal and the N.D.P. political parties in B.C.

As shown below, the Wilburforce Foundation, a U.S. foundation, reports that it paid Tides Canada \$30,000, specifically for Organizing for Change. I have posted this at my blog. For a link to that, please click [here](#). When I asked you a month ago where Tides Canada got \$90,125 for Organizing for Change, why didn't you say that you got money for this project from the Wilburforce Foundation?

Organizing for Change clearly states that its purpose is to influence the leadership picks of the two leading political parties in British Columbia. However, the database of the Wilburforce Foundation merely says that its grant for \$30,000 for Organizing for Change was "to promote and support collaboration among environmental organizations in British Columbia."

The \$30,000 that Wilburforce granted for Organizing for Change was for 2010. This leads me to believe that this \$30,000 is on top of the \$90,125 that U.S. tax returns show that Tides Canada has paid for Organizing for Change. This further leads me to ask, what is the total amount of funding that Tides Canada has put into Organizing for Change to date, and where did that money originate?

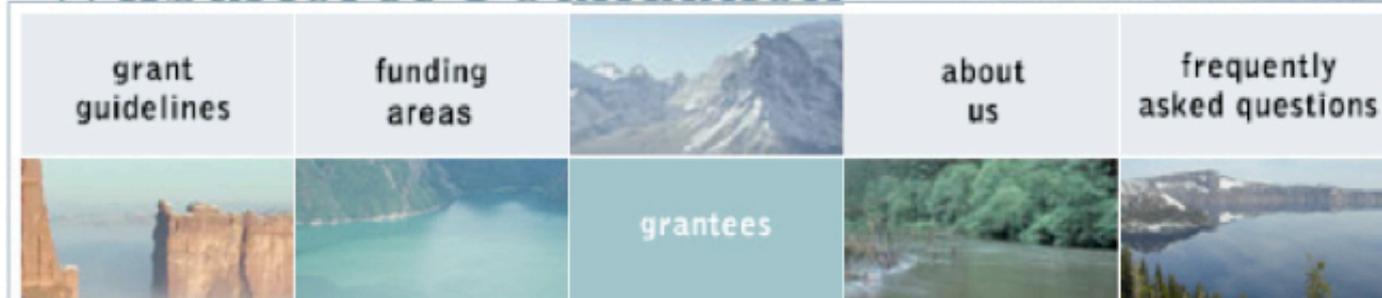
I also note that between 2008 and 2009, funds allocated by the Endswell Foundation for project support increased from [\\$32.973](#) to [\\$903.840](#). I would also like to ask, was any of that money from Endswell granted for Organizing for Change?

Sincerely,

Vivian Krause

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Wilburforce Foundation



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Recent Grants

2010 - \$50,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: Headwaters Initiative Project

To support and organize the First Nations communities impacted by potential tanker traffic associated with the Enbridge pipeline project in the Great Bear Rainforest.

2010 - \$50,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: Canopy

To support a markets campaign to deliver full implementation of Ecosystem Based Management and Forest Stewardship Council certification in the Great Bear Rainforest.

2010 - \$30,000

Tides Canada Initiatives Society: BC Organizing for Change

To support Organizing for Change efforts to promote and support collaboration among environmental organizations in BC.

2010 - \$60,000

Tides Canada Foundation BC Scientific Conservation Mapping Fund

To support mapping of conservation values in British Columbia.

2009 - \$25,000

Dogwood Initiative: Expanding the Reach - Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign

To protect the BC Coast from the threat of proposed pipeline and tanker projects.

On Feb 02, 2011, at 07:30 AM, VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com> wrote:

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to let you know that don't seem to have received a reply to my request, below, for information about the origin of the \$90,125 that Tides Canada has provided to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change.

My question is, where did Tides Canada get this \$90,125? Did any of this originate directly or indirectly, from USA foundations, eg. the Bullitt Foundation?

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

Begin forwarded message:

From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>
Date: January 11, 2011 4:08:37 PM
To: Ross McMillan <ross.mcmillan@tidescanada.org>
Subject: \$90,125 for Organizing for Change and "Bullitt Foundation match"

Mr. McMillan,

I am writing to inquire about funding through Tides Canada for Organizing for Change.

According to U.S. tax returns for 2008 and 2009 (excerpts shown below), Tides Canada Foundation paid \$90,125 to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change. As far as I can tell, this project seeks to influence the leadership picks of both the Liberal and the NDP parties in British Columbia. As such, I believe that its fair to inquire about the origins of funding for Organizing for Change.

My question is, where did Tides Canada get the \$90,125 (2008 - 2009) that Tides Canada Foundation has paid to the Georgia Straight Alliance for Organizing for Change? Tides Canada's tax return for 2009 states that Tides Canada paid \$12,125 "in support of Georgia Straight Alliance's participating in Organizing for Change and for Bullitt Foundation match. What was the "Bullitt Foundation match" that Tides Canada reported in its U.S. tax returns?

As before, I can be reached either by e-mail or at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

From Tides Canada Foundation's U.S. Tax Return 2008

Grantee	Region	Purpose of Grant	Grant \$ Amount	Manner of Cash Disbursement (cash, cheq, wire, etc)
Organic International	Canada	To support the realistic distribution of the feature documentary "Frage: Dr. James O'Rourke's Humanitarian Dilemma"	13,500	cheque
Ordnance Foundation Society	Canada	To support Ordnance Foundation Society in its conservation mission, in supporting the Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition activities related to the Sacred Headwaters Campaign; a multi-level campaign focused on creating habitat for three of Canada's premier wild salmon species; the Skeena, Nass and Bulkley Rivers.	33,917	cheque
Rocky Mountain Canada	Canada	In support of the Athabasca Watershed water quality research	398,200	cheque
Shaw-Watson Women's Fund	Canada	In support of your Literacy and Numeracy Program	18,813	cheque
Intertox Canada Society	Canada	In support of the following charitable work to achieve the grant outcomes as outlined on the reporting plan attached: strategies Canadian and British Columbian target audiences request government action to strengthen marine conservation through integrated Area Based Management (ABM) in the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) region; formal government launch of a science-based, participatory Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) planning process; marine conservation Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGOs) have strategic capacity and are coordinated to advance and participate in a science-based, stakeholder-driven Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) planning process.	130,578	cheque
Ecoside Action Centre	Canada	To fund development of a "Sustainable Policy for Nova Scotia" document to follow up on "N" class work.	32,557	cheque
Ironbark Canada	Canada	In support of the work in the Great Bear Rainforest. Also in support of the Heilbrunn Nation and Coastguard Canada Project to build and test an Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) spatial modeling tool in two Commemorative Areas in Heilbrunn Territory, at the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest. Also in support of the "Ecosystem Based - Bullitt Foundation Partnership" project.	305,494	cheque
Environmental Defence Canada Inc.	Canada	In support of the Toxic Tar Sands Phase I Project. Also to provide support for the project of reviewing existing, publicly available data and reports regarding leakage of contaminated water from the tar sands tailings impoundments along the Athabasca River; hiring a professional engineer, geologist and cartographer to help provide content, the writing and release of the report focused on the tailings dams, modeled after the previous report on the tar sands toxic and; to make follow up recommendations to tar sands working group.	205,000	cheque
Environmental Mining Education Foundation	Canada	To support habitat and salmon conservation in the Bulkley River Basin by undertaking a review of the Canadian Mine Environmental Assessment	10,000	cheque
WAG Initiative	Canada	In support of the water use review of the Bowen River Shop	15,648	cheque
Proter Academic Association	Canada	For the "Smart Board in Every Classroom" campaign	8,194	cheque
Proter Valley Conservancy	Canada	In support of the charitable work with World Wildlife Fund's Wild Rivers Campaign	5,130	cheque
Georgia Strait Alliance	Canada	In support of the Organizing for Change project	28,000	cheque
Global Youth Aviation Network Society	Canada	In general support	24,000	cheque

From Tides Canada Foundation's U.S. Tax Return 2009

Grantee	Region	Purpose	Grant Amount (in USD)	Manner of Cash Disbursement	Amount of Non-Cash Assistance	Description of Non-Cash Assistance	Method of Valuation
Georgia Strait Alliance	Canada	in support of Georgia Strait Alliance's participation in Organizing For Change and for Bullitt Foundation match	12,125	cheque	0		
Georgian Bay Trust Foundation, Inc	Canada	for 13th purchase	43,264	cheque	0		
Habonim Zionist Society-Charitable Trust Operating Camp Minam	Canada	for general support	21,892	cheque	0		
Hot Docs	Canada	in support of Hot Docs' Digital Doc Shop and the Lindalee Tracey Award	14,011	cheque	0		
Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Association Inc	Canada	to support Dogwood Initiative's Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign to protect BC's wild northern waters and intact ecosystems from the threat of five proposed tar sands related projects	46,639	cheque	0		