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Attached is a summary of the Carondelet Plant's 1997 Monsanto Fund Budget. The total amount reflects an increase of $500 from 1996. This strongly supports both our Fund objectives and community relations strategy.

Our primary funding objectives are to support community organizations which:

1) Work to preserve the stability of the Carondelet neighborhood, as well as preserve our freedom to operate.

2) Maintain Monsanto Carondelet Plant's identify as a community resource within Carondelet-Lemay area.

Complementary Funding objectives are to:

3) Prepare the community for "worst case" scenario information, and

4) Educate our teachers and youth on chemistry and our plant's products.

The organizations to which we provide support are consistent with our grantmaking theme. The Carondelet Community, having a sense of history and intrinsic charm, is increasingly facing the problems of many urban locations. This includes more rental housing, decay of the infrastructure, and increased crime. Further, the community continues to experience the economic hardships caused by the Flood of '93. This has aggravated the decline in local employment opportunities, the quality of remaining single-family housing, and caused increased educational/life skills needs. Clearly, local needs are great.

Our recipient organizations are working extremely hard to maintain the stability of this community. Emphasized are home upkeep, self-help/life skills support, and medical services. The most important organization to which we provide Monsanto Fund grants is the Carondelet Community Betterment Federation. This group is made up of and supported by most of this

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community's leadership; it is a diverse group and Monsanto has a strong voice within it. The Home Repair Program, which we support, assists residents by funding repairs to meet city codes. This maintains single family home ownership. Last year, nearly 400 homes were repaired helping many local residents stay put. This is a NAP program and Monsanto gets substantial recognition for its contribution. This is the only grant above $10,000 that we request. The Director is also a member of our Community Advisory Panel.

Other organizations also preserve this community by providing necessary services to enable families to maintain their livelihood and fulfil basic needs. The South City Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army provide area youth with sponsored recreational activities, educational opportunities, and activities for the elderly. The Family Care Center continues to deliver necessary medical services that positively impact this community. Grace Hill/Patch Center provide life skills training, day care for working mothers, and food supplements. And local schools are working hard to keep their students challenged with science, information technology, and leadership opportunities. Carondelet Plant's staff serve on many of these group's boards; other plant employees participate in additional community organizations. These groups all play key roles in the community and have diverse representation. Many of our C.A.P. membership also participate on these organizations' boards.

By maintaining the stability of the neighborhood and with the recognition provided by our participation, Monsanto Carondelet Plant is given its freedom to operate and is recognized as a community asset. Our continuing role in education local area businesses and community residents on our products and activities has also protected the freedom to operate this very successful business.

We would be more than willing to review any aspect of this Fund Budget, local community organizations, or our community relations strategy. On behalf of the Carondelet Plant, thank you for your continued support.

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REQUESTED 1997 MONSANTO FUND BUDGET - CARONDELET PLANT

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation, Inc. Home Repair Program	$30,000	N.A.P
Salvation Army - Carondelet Community Center	5,000	
South City Y.M.C.A.	5,000	
Family Care Center	4,000	
Carondelet Meals on Wheels	2,000	
City Schools Science Education	3,000	
Harris House	2,000	
Grace Hill/PATCH Center (Carondelet)	2,000	
Total	$38,000	

* The CCBF Grant is Neighborhood Assistance Program credits, thus only counts $15,000.

Note: The $2000 N.S.T.A. funding is not included in the above Fund budget.

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