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## *Public Resource Receives \$5 million, 5-year Grant From Arcadia*

**Public.Resource.Org** (“Public Resource”) is pleased and delighted to announce that we have received a \$5 million grant from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin. This grant will support our work from 2020-2025, and is in addition to the \$1.5 million in funding from Arcadia which supports our work from 2018-2020. This kind of sustained support over the long haul is so rare in the world of nonprofits, and Public Resource is very grateful for the help and inspiration Arcadia has shown us.

Arcadia (<https://www.arcadiafund.org.uk/>) supports charities and scholarly institutions that preserve cultural heritage and the environment. Arcadia also supports projects that promote open access and all of its awards are granted on the condition that any materials produced are made available for free online. Since 2002, Arcadia has awarded more than \$678 million to projects around the world.

This grant will allow Public Resource to sustain and expand our work in three key areas:

- Edicts of Government
- Text and Data Mining
- Access to Knowledge

Edicts of Government is the principle that if something is the law, it must be public, for ignorance of the law is no excuse, and in democracies around the world, citizens must know their rights and obligations by which they chose to govern themselves. With this grant from Arcadia, we are announcing the following expansions of our efforts:

- Working with the **Legal Information Institute at Cornell**, **Fastcase**, and **Justia**, we will be making the regulations for all 50 states available in XML. We have contracted for quarterly updates of all 50 state administrative codes from Fastcase. Cornell LII and Justia will create user interfaces for this data, the **Internet Archive** will make the data available in bulk for anybody else to use, and **Point.B Studio** will continue the efforts to reverse engineer formulas and graphics into standard open formats.
- Working with **UniCourt**, we have begun an effort to convert state legislative codes, such as the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, from rudimentary .rtf files into beautiful HTML. We hope to expand this effort to a number of states.
- Working with **Indian Kanoon**, we are continuing our efforts to make the Official Gazettes of India ever more useful. We are also beginning an effort to do conversions into HTML and machine-assisted translations into Indian languages of Indian standards.

- We will continue and expand our global litigation effort to firmly establish the doctrine that if a law isn't public, it isn't a law. In the US, we are represented by **EFF, Fenwick & West**, and David Halperin in ongoing litigation in the District Court of the District of Columbia. In Europe, the first of several suits has been filed in the European Court of Justice, where we are represented by **Fred P. Logue** and **Morrison & Foerster**. In India, our public interest litigation against the Bureau of Indian Standards is before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, where we are represented by the Chambers of Sri Jawahar Raja and the Chambers of Sri Salman Khurshid.

Text and Data Mining is our program to make the full corpus of scientific articles available to researchers for non-consumptive use so that they may stand upon the shoulders of giants. In addition to **our ongoing program** in two major Indian research universities, JNU and IIT Delhi, Public Resource is pleased to announce the addition of advisors **Roger Magoulas**, a leading expert on big data, and **Mike D. Kail**, a renowned systems and security expert. Roger and Mike will be working on the Big Box of Science project to build a standard platform for our TDM work that can be deployed in major research institutions throughout the world.

Access to Knowledge includes the programs we run in India, in particular with a group of volunteers who go by the name of the **Servants of Knowledge**. Working in cooperation with the **Indian Academy of Sciences**, we have an ongoing digitization program in Bengaluru. We are pleased to announce that a similar effort is spinning up in Mangaluru, where we have already posted a number of books in the Konkani language in cooperation with the **World Konkani Center**, and in Chennai, where we are pleased that Sri Shrinivasan T. has become a Public Resource fellow and will be assisting the **Roja Muthiah Research Library** in putting their collection online.

Finally, Public Resource is pleased to announce that we will be stepping up our online presence with a series of produced audio/visual programs reporting on our efforts around the world. To produce these multicasts, we have been joined by **Martin R. Lucas**, the original producer of **Internet Talk Radio**, and advisor Kirk Walter, who was most recently the director of video production for O'Reilly Media.

The work of Public Resource would not be possible without the support and guidance from our board of directors, which includes Tim Stanley of Justia, Professor Pam Samuelson of the Berkeley Law School, Ed Walters of Fastcase, and Heather Joseph of SPARC.

Again, we wish to thank the entire Arcadia staff and in particular Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin and our program manager Dr. Ross Mounce. It has been a great pleasure working with them and we look forward to many years of productive work thanks to their generous support.

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