

In 2012:

\$24.3 Million
47 Awards



ACCION Texas Inc.
San Antonio

\$250,000 / The community development financial institution provides credit and financial services to small businesses that do not qualify for conventional loans from commercial sources, and serves as a national leader in the microlending field. A two-year, \$500,000 grant supports expansion of its new Lending and Learning Center, which offers financial education, business support and capital to low-income individuals and families operating businesses in low-wealth urban neighborhoods.

The Alliance for Children and Families Inc. (2011 grant)
Milwaukee

\$1,878,338 / The alliance offers leadership and management-development services to its national membership network of 350 nonprofit agencies serving 3 million individuals and families in 8,000 U.S. communities. This four-year, \$5.38 million grant funds a project to integrate strategic thinking into personnel, training, planning and other areas as a means to help nonprofits improve their organizational alignments and client services.

American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education
Chicago

\$100,000 / The charitable fund supports the public-service and educational programs of the American Bar Association. This two-year, \$200,000 grant makes civil legal assistance more accessible to low-income and vulnerable individuals by establishing new state-level Access to Justice Commissions and strengthening the work of existing commissions in 28 states and the nation's capital.

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy
San Francisco

\$250,000 / The national advocacy organization is dedicated to advancing philanthropy and Asian American/Pacific Islander communities. Through this grant, it is partnering with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to identify opportunities for joint public and private investments in these vulnerable communities to reduce inequalities and disparities.

The Aspen Institute Inc. (2011 grant)
Washington

\$500,000 / The international organization fosters values-based leadership and offers a neutral, balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. This three-year, \$1.48 million grant underwrites the Ascend Project, a multifaceted policy program to advance two-generation, integrated human-services and postsecondary-education strategies to move families out of poverty.

The Aspen Institute Inc.
Washington

\$200,000 / The international nonprofit organization fosters values-based leadership and offers a neutral, balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. With grant funding, the institute is helping next-generation human-services leaders develop and implement action plans to promote racial equality and inclusion within their organizations and their communities.

Association for Enterprise Opportunity
Washington

\$400,000 / The national organization fosters the development of strong, effective U.S. microbusiness initiatives to assist underserved entrepreneurs in starting, stabilizing and expanding businesses. This grant for operational support advances the association's efforts to provide technical and planning assistance to its membership and to build the reach and capacity of the microbusiness sector.

Be the Change Inc.
Cambridge, Mass.

\$700,000 / The organization creates national issue-based campaigns, such as Opportunity Nation, driven by broad cross-partisan coalitions that inspire culture change and accelerate public-policy development to bring about positive changes in society. Assisted by a two-year, \$700,000 grant, the Opportunity Nation coalition of 250 nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, faith-based organizations and community groups is working to expand social and economic mobility and close the opportunity gap in America.

The Boston Foundation (2011 grant)
Boston

\$100,000 / The foundation is one of the oldest and largest community philanthropic organizations in the nation and serves as a major civic leader, convener and sponsor of special initiatives to address pressing community and regional challenges. This two-year, \$200,000 grant supports the Catalyst Fund, an initiative to provide Boston-area nonprofits with technical assistance and information about collaborative ventures and mergers.

Brandeis University (2011 grant)
Waltham, Mass.

\$185,577 / The university's Heller School for Social Policy and Management anchors the Institute on Assets and Social Policy, which is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of how assets and asset-building opportunities improve the well-being and financial stability of individuals and families left out of the economic mainstream. The institute is using this three-year, \$500,000 grant to conduct research on asset-building strategies and their impact.

Catalyst Miami (2011 grant)
Miami

\$138,000 / Working through a partnership network, the coalition identifies and launches innovative strategies to help people and communities thrive. General operating support, provided by this three-year, \$400,000 grant, enables Catalyst Miami to pursue strategies for strengthening human-services agencies in the Dade County area, promoting civic leadership and informing providers in the human-services field.

Center for American Progress
Washington

\$200,000 / The independent nonpartisan educational institute strives to improve the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action. A two-year, \$400,000 grant provides funding to support the Half in Ten national advocacy coalition campaign to reduce the number of Americans living in poverty by 50 percent within 10 years.

Center for Community Change
Washington

\$75,000 / The center builds the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to improve their communities and the policies and institutions that affect their lives. Grant money targets the expansion of state housing and homeless coalitions that create and implement public trust funds to support affordable-housing initiatives.

Center for Labor and Community Research (2011 grant)
Chicago

\$350,000 / The consulting and research organization collaborates with community groups, human-services agencies, educational institutions and businesses to coordinate strategies that allow low-income individuals to receive social supports while accessing educational and employment opportunities. This two-year, \$760,000 capacity-building grant supports expansion, to four additional cities, of the center's network-based approach for moving people out of poverty.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (2010 grant)
Washington

\$175,000 / The national research and policy institute focuses on safety-net issues, policies and programs such as food assistance and income support that affect low-income households. This four-year, \$600,000 grant supports the center's efforts to strengthen the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by training human-services providers, developing recommendations and forging strategic partnerships.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Washington

\$300,000 / The national research and policy institute focuses on safety-net issues, policies and programs such as food assistance and income support that affect low-income households. This two-year, \$581,000 grant builds the capability of the center's State Fiscal Analysis Initiative to provide financial and technical assistance and training to a network of state-policy organizations focused on expanding economic opportunity for vulnerable populations.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers Inc. (2011 grant)
Immokalee, Fla.

\$610,000 / The coalition serves as the social-safety net for more than 45,000 farmworkers who pick 80 percent of the tomatoes consumed in the United States. Funding from this three-year, \$1.28 million grant strengthens the coalition's human resources and programmatic capacity, and supports the statewide expansion of its Fair Food Program, an innovative profit-sharing agreement.

Colorado Center on Law and Policy (2011 grant)
Denver

\$128,464 / The advocacy organization is dedicated to promoting justice, economic security, health care access, and sound fiscal policies. This three-year, \$371,264 grant for general operations bolsters the center's leadership role with the Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force of the state General Assembly, which seeks to cut Colorado's poverty rate in half by 2019.

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (2011 grant)
St. Paul, Minn.

\$250,000 / The organization provides high-quality, language-appropriate, culturally competent behavioral-health and human services through a family-centric, coordinated-care delivery model to advance the well-being, health and economic prosperity of Latino individuals and families in Minnesota. This three-year, \$750,000 grant supports general operations.

Council for a Strong America
Washington

\$200,000 / The council serves as the parent organization for four programmatic groups dedicated to expanding opportunities and strengthening pathways out of poverty for disadvantaged children and families. This grant supports the communications and advocacy work of the council's "unexpected messengers," a network of leaders from law enforcement, business, the ministry and the armed forces who champion research-based public investments in social, educational and health-related programs and policies.

The increased likelihood an American who spends half of this or her childhood in poverty **will reach age 20 without a high school diploma, when compared to those never poor as children.**



Share of American jobs expected **to require some postsecondary education by 2018.**

Source: Urban Institute, "Child Poverty and Its Lasting Consequence"
Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce



The poverty level in 2010 for a family of four

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Number of Americans **below the poverty level.**



lived no more than 25% above the poverty level.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Drug Treatment Court Foundation
of Kalamazoo County
Kalamazoo, Mich.

\$75,000 / The foundation mobilizes public and private funding to support the Drug Treatment Court, which offers a comprehensive system of substance abuse recovery opportunities to men, women and youth convicted of nonviolent crimes. This grant is being used to assess the feasibility of Social Impact Bonds, a "pay for success" financing option where private investors provide the upfront funding for prevention and early intervention services and the public sector pays only if the intervention is successful.

Eastern Michigan University Foundation
Ypsilanti, Mich.

\$125,000 / The foundation solicits and manages funds on behalf of Eastern Michigan University, and provides additional financial support to students, programs, services and the educational community. EMU's Institute for the Study of Children, Family and Communities is using a two-year, \$250,000 grant to further the work of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in connecting area residents at a redeveloped subsidized housing complex with community resources.

The Essential Economy Council
Atlanta

\$75,000 / The bipartisan organization conducts economic research and disseminates data to help decision-makers create sound public policy that benefits Georgia's state economy. This two-year, \$150,000 grant enables the council to evaluate the impact of the "essential economy," a new economic classification that explains the contributions of service industries and their low-wage workers.

Feeding America
Chicago

\$375,000 / The nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization utilizes a vast network of food banks and charitable agencies to collect and distribute 3 billion pounds of food to more than 37 million Americans annually. Aided by this grant, Feeding America is embarking on a pilot program that leverages loan and grant dollars to transition its network of 200 local food banks to a single technology platform which can increase efficiencies, reduce operating costs and improve food distribution.

Food Research and Action Center (2011 grant)
Washington

\$490,000 / The center is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships that target the eradication of hunger and malnutrition in the United States. Assisted by this three-year, \$1.41 million grant for general operating support, the center and its widespread network of partner organizations are elevating their anti-hunger work and increasing their effectiveness.

Good Shepherd Services
New York

\$300,000 / Good Shepherd Services is a multiservice youth-development, education and family-service agency serving more than 20,000 program participants annually. It is using this two-year, \$600,000 grant to enhance and expand its capacity to deliver services while completing the acquisition of two other service organizations.

Goodwill Industries International Inc.
Rockville, Md.

\$150,000 / With 165 Goodwill organizations in the U.S. and Canada and 14 affiliates worldwide, Goodwill Industries International, or GII, builds social enterprises that provide skills training and job-placement assistance leading to employment and sustainability for people with work barriers. Funding enables GII to assist its member agencies in accessing additional capital and accelerating the expansion of Goodwill's donated-goods retail operations.

Goodwill Industries of San Antonio (2011 grant)
San Antonio

\$200,000 / Goodwill Industries, which provides career training and employment services to 50,000 individuals annually, has partnered with Alamo Community College to create the Good Career Academy model. This three-year, \$900,000 grant supports expansion of the model, offering greater access to career-certification training in the medical and technology industries for low-income minority individuals.

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families
Silver Spring, Md.

\$20,000 / The national philanthropic affinity organization promotes effective grantmaking that integrates research, policy and practice to bring about systemic change for children, youth and families. This funding enables grantmakers to provide training and technical assistance to its members and partner organizations.

The Greater New Orleans Foundation
New Orleans

\$250,000 / Serving the 13-parish region of metropolitan New Orleans, the foundation works to create a resilient, sustainable, vibrant community by spearheading strategic initiatives, connecting donors to local needs and supporting effective nonprofit organizations. This four-year, \$500,000 grant expands a capacity-building program to strengthen the region's human-services sector by providing consulting services, technical assistance, training and other resources to more than 30 human-services organizations.

Greyston Foundation Inc.
Yonkers, N.Y.

\$400,000 / The recognized pioneer in social enterprise operates various entrepreneurial enterprises, including the for-profit Greyston Bakery, to help low-income individuals achieve self-sufficiency. Funding supports the bakery's operations and expansion of its PathMaking program, which connects low-income, chronically unemployed clients with an array of housing, wellness, financial and educational support services.

Haven Inc. (2011 grant)
Bingham Farms, Mich.

\$205,000 / The only comprehensive domestic-violence and sexual-assault center in Michigan's Oakland County offers a continuum of treatment and prevention services to 25,000 individuals annually. This two-year, \$500,000 grant helps to establish a Family Justice Center that consolidates Haven's services into one location and increases client access to care, information and resources.

Hawai'i Community Foundation
Honolulu

\$100,000 / The statewide philanthropic foundation provides grants and advisory services to nonprofit organizations that invest in people and solutions to benefit Hawaiian island communities. This four-year, \$1.49 million grant helps to strengthen Hawaii's human-services system by building the capacity of leading human-services organizations to serve at-risk youth, homeless individuals and frail elderly residents and fostering greater collaboration among community, government and nonprofit leaders.

Indiana University (2010 grant)
Bloomington, Ind.

\$270,000 / The university's new School of Philanthropy builds on the foundation of its predecessor, the Center on Philanthropy, and seeks to increase the understanding of philanthropy and improve its practice. This three-year, \$600,000 grant supports new research on the human-services sector and the dissemination of findings to practitioners, funders and policymakers.

Innovation Network for Communities
Tamworth, N.H.

\$150,000 / The national organization helps to develop and spread scalable innovations that transform the performance of community systems such as education, energy, land use, transportation and workforce development. This grant supports research on leading-edge practices and programs in key areas of the human-services field that improve outcomes for low-income people in urban areas.

Insight Center for Community Economic
Development (2011 grant)
Oakland, Calif.

\$315,000 / The national research, consulting and legal-services organization advances innovative solutions that help people and communities become economically secure over the long term. Assisted by this three-year, \$750,000 grant, the center is launching a learning community that engages human-services providers, advocates and government leaders in refining the standards of economic self-sufficiency applied to programs and benefits for low-income individuals.

Instituto Del Progreso Latino
Chicago

\$250,000 / The Institute of Latino Progress provides Latino immigrants and their families with education, training and employment to foster full participation in America's changing society while preserving cultural identity and dignity. A two-year, \$500,000 grant enables the institute to participate in a 10-year, federally funded demonstration project, Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency, which centers on a rigorous evaluation of next-generation strategies for increasing the economic self-sufficiency of low-income individuals and families.



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Photo by Greyston Foundation Inc.

Intercultural Development
Research Association (2011 grant)
San Antonio

\$325,000 / The independent, private organization is dedicated to strengthening public schools to work for all children. Assisted by this multiyear, \$875,000 grant for general operations, the association is providing three years of training and technical assistance to nine community-based organizations serving families in south Texas.

La Piana Consulting
Emeryville, Calif.

\$35,000 / The national firm takes a comprehensive, holistic approach to strengthening nonprofits and foundations, using a combination of innovative tools, rigorous research methodologies and a relationship-based consulting philosophy. Through this grant, the consulting organization is assisting the Human Services team in designing its new Joining Forces program initiative to support the transformation and restructuring of direct human-services providers in selected cities.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
Cleveland

\$400,000 / The faith-based, multiservice agency serves 10,000 low-income Cleveland residents annually through its programmatic work in community re-entry, at-risk teen support, housing and shelter, and adult support and advocacy. Through this grant, the ministry is strengthening its organizational capacity to create pathways to jobs and careers for program participants while expanding its advocacy efforts on behalf of chronically unemployed individuals.

Mission Economic Development Association
(2011 grant)
San Francisco

\$163,000 / The community-based economic development corporation works to improve economic and social conditions in San Francisco's Mission District by stimulating investment, enhancing the business environment and creating jobs for area residents. The association is using this three-year, \$500,000 grant to achieve uniform integration of its services internally and externally among its partner organizations to create a seamless continuum of care for all clients.

Human Services Program

Mississippi Center for Justice Jackson, Miss.

\$175,000 / The center is a public-interest nonprofit law firm committed to advancing racial and economic justice through the development and pursuit of strategies to combat discrimination and poverty statewide. A two-year, \$350,000 grant is being used for organizational improvements and capacity building designed to increase the center's effectiveness in securing Mississippi's safety net for low-income residents.

National Alliance for Hispanic Health (2010 grant) Washington

\$1,225,120 / The alliance's network of 500 community-based organizations delivers health and human services to 15 million low-income individuals, and its national and federal outreach partners touch the lives of 100 million people annually. This four-year, \$4.29 million grant supports the alliance's Our Treasures demonstration project to strengthen 10 multiservice organizations by funding new chief operating officer and/or chief development officer positions.

National Church Residences Columbus, Ohio

\$200,000 / National Church is the nation's largest nonprofit developer and manager of affordable senior housing and services. This three-year, \$600,000 joint grant from our Human Services Program and Health Program enables the organization to implement and expand its new Integrated Health Home Medical Program, a person-centered care system that addresses physical, behavioral and social needs.

National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions New York

\$550,000 / The federation provides financial, technical and human resources to help strengthen community development credit unions, or CDCUs, that offer banking services to low-income and minority residents in urban and rural communities. This four-year, \$1.59 million grant funds a pilot project designed to increase access to integrated financial and human services for families and individuals in four underserved urban areas by fostering strategic partnerships between CDCUs and human-services providers.

National Human Services Assembly Washington

\$158,500 / The association of national nonprofit health and human-services organizations works collaboratively to shape and strengthen the delivery of care and services. It is using this grant to create a new, large-scale framework for the human-services sector centered on families and human development.

NetWork for Better Futures (2011 grant) Minneapolis

\$225,000 / NetWork provides comprehensive resources, including affordable housing, health services, employment, education and community engagement, to help high-risk men re-enter the community as workers, fathers and positive forces in society. This three-year, \$650,000 grant for general operations allows the agency to offer certification training for its staff and to advance its innovative service model.

Philanthropy New York New York

\$50,000 / The professional community of nearly 290 private, corporate, family and public foundations based in the New York City region fosters collaboration among funders, promotes strategic grantmaking and advances public policies that support the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors. It serves as the fiscal sponsor for the Asset Funders Network, which is receiving membership and operating support through this grant.

Pisgah Legal Services Asheville, N.C.

\$100,000 / The organization's network of staff and volunteer attorneys offers free civil legal assistance to low-income and vulnerable individuals in the rural Appalachia region, helping to resolve matters involving housing, domestic violence, health care and consumer protection. This grant enables Pisgah to establish a permanent fundraising structure and enhances its ability to provide additional legal services.

Primary Care Development Corp. New York

\$152,000 / The organization uses capital investment, performance improvement and policy advocacy to expand and transform primary care in underserved communities in ways that improve health outcomes, lower health costs and reduce disparities. This grant engages the Primary Care Development Corporation and the Corporation for Supportive Housing in joint efforts to conduct a market assessment and create a business plan for financing integrated health services and supportive housing projects.

Grants

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (2011 grant) Oklahoma City

\$191,500 / Oklahoma's largest private hunger-relief charity feeds more than 90,000 individuals each week through its distribution network of 1,000 feeding programs, partner organizations and elementary schools in 53 central and western counties. This three-year, \$756,000 grant supports the pilot and implementation of a food resource center model aimed at streamlining and integrating the food bank's distribution, procurement, management and advocacy activities.

Rhode Island Legal Services Providence, R.I.

\$200,000 / The law firm provides legal assistance and representation to low-income individuals to protect their legal rights and to ensure they are treated fairly throughout the civil justice system. This three-year, \$600,000 grant supports the development of a Holistic Legal and Social Services Network, a coalition of human-services and legal-aid organizations that uses an integrated approach to helping families move from poverty to financial stability.

Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (2011 grant) San Francisco

\$250,000 / The fund invests in nonprofit-run, social-enterprise businesses offering chronically unemployed California residents a paid-employment experience with training, mentorship, counseling and other support services. This three-year, \$750,000 grant for general operating support accelerates the organization's efforts to create additional jobs for 2,500 individuals by 2015 and to develop a nationally replicable social-enterprise model.

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law Chicago

\$920,000 / The Shriver Center strives to improve lives through the development of innovative, effective programs and policies that advance justice and opportunity. Funding from a three-year, \$1.4 million grant helps to strengthen training opportunities for civil legal aid providers across the U.S. and expand advocacy support to preserve and protect the civil legal rights of low-income individuals.

Feeding America Chicago \$375,000



The nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization uses a network of food banks and charitable agencies to collect and distribute 3 billion pounds of food to more than 37 million Americans annually. This grant funds a pilot program that leverages loan and grant dollars to transition its 200 local food banks to a single technology platform which can increase efficiencies, reduce operating costs and improve food distribution.

Photo by Feeding America

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
Washington

\$90,000 / The network of 12 social-enterprise nonprofits provides high-quality, affordable rental homes for over 96,000 households in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. This grant underwrites a meeting of the largest affordable-housing owners to discuss the collection and analysis of data showing the impact of support services on residents’ life outcomes, and to develop an action plan for aligning intervention efforts and engaging policymakers.

Structured Employment
Economic Development Corp. (2010 grant)
New York

\$500,000 / As part of its effort to lift low-income people from poverty, the organization partners with local community organizations on its EarnBenefits initiative, which connects individuals and families to public and private benefits such as food stamps and tax credits. This three-year, \$2 million grant supports the refinement and expansion of the EarnBenefits model to other states.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County Inc.
(2011 grant)
Eugene, Ore.

\$50,000 / St. Vincent de Paul offers social and homeless services, affordable housing and job-training and placement to low-income individuals in Oregon’s Lane County. This multiyear, \$512,400 grant provides funding for the purchase and renovation of a facility to house the Oakridge Service Center, as well as a five-year operating subsidy.

Syracuse University
Syracuse, N.Y.

\$110,000 / As an anchor institution in Syracuse, the university pursues collaborations that simultaneously enrich scholarship and research. A two-year, \$226,941 grant enables its Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs to develop, implement and disseminate tools and resources to evaluate and improve the performance of human-services organizations and to inform philanthropic investments in the sector.

Tides Center
San Francisco

\$320,642 / The Tides Center is a public charity that provides a solid infrastructure for groups working to promote progressive social change on a local, national and international level. The grant is being used to create a national convening and learning series, Reinventing Human Services, focused on identifying transformative opportunities to bolster the sector’s capacity to address the growing poverty and inequality in the United States.

United Way of the Bay Area
San Francisco

\$250,000 / The charitable organization harnesses the philanthropic power of nonprofits, government, corporations and individuals to create change and to achieve its long-term goal of cutting Bay Area poverty in half by 2020. This three-year, \$500,000 grant enables the United Way and local human-services providers to create a regional network and develop a common framework to move families toward self-sufficiency.

United Way Worldwide (2011 grant)
Alexandria, Va.

\$150,000 / United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Way agencies in 45 countries and territories. This three-year, \$400,000 grant helps to implement a systems-based approach for collaborative, integrated service delivery among human-services organizations in three states.

United Way Worldwide
Alexandria, Va.

\$300,000 / United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Way agencies in 45 countries and territories. Funding supports the creation of the United Way Resident Fellows program to develop a continuous pipeline of high-performing talent for future leadership positions.

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

\$175,000 / The university is home to the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center, which supports trained, experienced leaders who work collaboratively for the public good. This two-year, \$350,000 grant provides additional funding for an ongoing project to develop and disseminate learning materials for nonprofit human-services leaders and managers.

University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

\$190,456 / Missouri’s largest public research university houses the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs and the school’s Rural Policy Research Institute, which analyzes the challenges, needs and opportunities facing rural America. This grant supports the institute’s operations and efforts to secure renewable public and private funding.

Urban Institute (2010 grant)
Washington

\$100,000 / The nonpartisan economic- and social-policy research institute disseminates its findings to a broad audience and informs community development to promote social, civic and economic well-being. This three-year, \$300,000 grant funds a comprehensive assessment of the Greater New Orleans nonprofit sector’s capabilities to deliver human services, and supports the pilot launch of an integrated online database, toolkit and resource hub.

Urban Institute
Washington

\$325,000 / The nonpartisan economic- and social-policy research institute disseminates its findings to a broad audience and informs community development to promote social, civic and economic well-being. Assisted by this three-year, \$1 million grant, the institute is launching a demonstration project in seven states aimed at increasing the delivery of public benefits to eligible low-income families, streamlining public-benefits systems and informing federal and state policies and practices.

Valley Initiative for Development and
Advancement
Weslaco, Texas

\$175,000 / The community-based agency provides underserved residents with education and training to promote self-sufficiency and build a skilled workforce that meets the demands of employers and spurs new investment in the region. A three-year, \$500,000 grant enables the agency to participate in a 10-year, federally funded demonstration project, Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency, which centers on a rigorous evaluation of next-generation strategies for increasing the economic self-sufficiency of low-income individuals and families.

Venture Philanthropy Partners Inc.
Washington

\$750,000 / The philanthropic-investment organization contributes money and provides expertise to high-performing nonprofit organizations that serve the core developmental, learning and educational needs of children and youth from low-income families in the National Capital Region. This grant supports an integrated network of six organizations seeking to improve education, employment and health-behavior outcomes for 20,000 low-income and at-risk young people.

Vigorous Interventions in Ongoing Natural
Settings Inc.
Roxbury, Mass.

\$180,000 / The pioneering multicultural-development organization, known as VISIONS, provides consulting services and training programs in diversity and inclusion. Through this grant, VISIONS is delivering organizational-development, technical-assistance and multicultural-training sessions to help a network of human-services organizations create and implement more equitable programming and services.

Waianae Community Redevelopment Corp.
Waianae, Hawaii

\$150,000 / The Oahu-based organization operates MA’O Organic Farms as a social enterprise that builds youth leadership by offering agricultural internships, tuition waivers at a local community college and support services to at-risk young Native Hawaiians. Funding supports the farm’s general operations and infrastructure upgrades.

YouthBuild USA Inc.
Somerville, Mass.

\$510,298 / YouthBuild USA unites a network of 273 local YouthBuild programs in 45 states, Washington and the Virgin Islands, engaging nearly 10,000 low-income young adults annually in education-attainment, job-training and leadership-development activities. A two-year, \$1.2 million grant supports program growth and quality, and strengthens overall fundraising, research, leadership and policy capacity.