

In 2012:
\$1.5 Million
8 Awards



Calvert Foundation
Bethesda, Md.

\$150,000 / The financial product and services corporation invests in high-impact community organizations whose social missions include affordable housing, microfinance, small-business development and the establishment of essential community facilities. This grant supports an initiative to use long-term, place-based investment notes to fund community projects in urban neighborhoods targeted for redevelopment.

Council of Michigan Foundations Inc.
Grand Haven, Mich.

\$50,000 / The membership organization of 350 corporate, private, family and community grantmakers works to increase philanthropy in Michigan and provides networking, education and advocacy opportunities. This grant underwrites the council's Transforming Michigan Philanthropy through Diversity and Inclusion, a six-year initiative to increase the effectiveness and accountability of organized philanthropy in the state by promoting diversity and inclusive practices.

First Children’s Finance
Minneapolis

\$53,000 / The national financing and advisory institution strengthens the business infrastructure of child care and early education through strategic investments in care providers’ facilities and operations across 10 states. The organization is using this grant to develop a three-year strategic and financial plan to support its programs and ensure its financial sustainability.

Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

\$200,000 / The Ivy League research university is the nation’s oldest institution of higher learning and home to the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations. This grant underwrites the center’s three-year Initiative for Sustainable Arts in America, or Sustain Arts, a community-based effort to analyze the links between capitalization, demography and participation, and to develop policies to support the arts at the local and national level.

Independent Sector
Washington

\$600,000 / The coalition of 600 leading charities, foundations and corporate grantmakers is committed to advancing the common good and strengthening the nonprofit sector by promoting effective policies, championing public-private collaborations, fostering accountability and serving as a common meeting ground. This grant supports general operations.

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore

\$100,000 / The private research university anchors the Institute for Policy Studies, which serves as its primary social science policy research and teaching arm. The institute’s Center for Civil Society Studies is using this funding for the field-broadening phase of its New Frontiers of Philanthropy project to illuminate and strengthen the work of philanthropic and nonprofit organizations.

NCB Capital Impact
Arlington, Va.

\$100,000 / The certified community development financial institution works in partnership with public and private organizations to improve access to high-quality health and elder care, healthy foods, housing and education in low-income communities across the country. Funding supports a research project to explore strategic institutional investments in enterprises with innovative technologies and services to improve community health center operations and health outcomes.

Nonprofit Information Networking Association
Boston

\$150,000 / The independent association publishes the Nonprofit Quarterly in both print and digital versions, with the goal of strengthening the role of nonprofit organizations to activate democracy. This grant funding helps the publication expand its impact and improve its sustainability through the implementation of a strategic business plan and collaborative journalism model.

Opportunity Finance Network (2011 grant)
Philadelphia

\$100,000 / The national coalition of community development financial institutions, or CDFIs, invests in opportunities which benefit low-income, low-wealth and disadvantaged communities across America. This two-year, \$200,000 grant is being used to provide planning grants to CDFIs applying for the 2012 and 2013 NEXT Investment Awards for geographic and product expansion.