

# Special Initiatives

KEY

(Year grant awarded if prior to 2013)

## AIA FOUNDATION

› WASHINGTON

**\$50,000**

The foundation is a nonprofit arm of the American Institute of Architects that works to promote the appreciation of design excellence, access to the architectural profession and engagement with the built environment. Grant money supported the Remaking Cities Congress, held in October 2013 in Pittsburgh.

## ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

› SAN FRANCISCO

**\$50,000**

(2012)

Through programming, advocacy, research and dialog, the association works to improve the effectiveness of individuals, groups and organizations that deliver management and governance support services to nonprofits. A two-year, \$100,000 grant provided funding for the alliance's 2012 and 2013 national conferences, webinars, gatherings and other field-building activities.

## ASSOCIATION OF BLACK FOUNDATION EXECUTIVES INC.

› NEW YORK

**\$50,000**

The independent membership organization promotes effective, responsive philanthropy in African American communities. Through this three-year, \$150,000 grant, the association is creating a network of trained, connected, accessible Black foundation coaches and a Web-based resource center to strengthen the management and leadership skills of its members.

## CALVERT FOUNDATION

› BETHESDA, MD.

**\$750,000**

The financial products 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. Through this grant, the foundation is launching three new city-specific Community Investment Notes, targeting social investor capital at important redevelopment projects.

## CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY

› CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

**\$80,000**

The center develops comparative data, assessment tools, programming and publications that enable philanthropic funders to define, assess and improve their effectiveness and social impact. A two-year, \$150,000 grant provides general operating support to advance the center's research agenda, programs and communications to benefit the philanthropic sector.

## CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

› ATLANTA

**\$100,000**

The university is an independent, historically black, urban research university offering undergraduate, graduate/professional and nondegree certificate programs; it participates as a member of the Atlanta University Center consortium. This grant assists the consortium in developing a revolving-loan fund, strengthening local community engagement around the planned Atlanta Falcons NFL stadium and exploring long-range neighborhood climate resiliency.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

› WASHINGTON

**\$20,000**

The foundation is home to nearly 700 donor-advised and field-of-interest funds formed by individuals, families and corporations that seek to bring about positive change in the Washington metropolitan area. A grant given to support the Lucy Delgado Memorial Fund for hunger relief, which honors Jane L. Delgado for her 16 years of service on our Board of Trustees and is made in memory of her mother, Lucy Delgado.

## COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATIONS INC.

› GRAND HAVEN, MICH.

**\$45,000**

(2012)

Serving a membership of more than 350 independent, family, community and corporate foundations, giving programs and public charities, the council endeavors to strengthen, promote and increase philanthropy in Michigan. This three-year, \$135,000 grant underwrites institutional membership in the council for three years.

FUNDERS’ NETWORK FOR SMART GROWTH AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INC.

› CORAL GABLES, FLA.

\$30,000 (2012)

Working at the intersection of health, community development and environment, the network of philanthropic funding organizations addresses the root causes of sprawl and urban disinvestment and promotes sustainable, socially equitable, economically sound land-use decisions leading to smarter growth policies and practices. This two-year, \$60,000 grant provides operating support for two years.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

› ALLENDALE, MICH.

\$150,000

The university’s Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy serves nonprofits and the philanthropic sector through applied research and comprehensive professional development opportunities for grantmakers. This grant supports the transition of LearnPhilanthropy, a Web-based learning platform for staff, executives and trustees at grantmaking foundations, from the Council on Foundations to the Johnson Center, as well as the development of a sustainable business model for the tool.

GRANTS MANAGERS NETWORK

› WASHINGTON

\$50,000

The affinity group for grants-management professionals includes more than 2,400 members from more than 300 foundations, public charities and corporations. This four-year, \$80,000 grant supports the network’s efforts to streamline grant application and reporting, and provides three years of membership dues.

GUIDESTAR

› WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

\$40,000

Through its extensive database, GuideStar gathers and displays financial and organizational information on the nonprofit sector, which allows donors, funders, researchers and educators to make informed decisions. It is using this grant to develop a detailed plan for a “mirror funds” platform that allows individual donors to leverage the due diligence conducted by top philanthropies to shape their personal giving strategies and to “piggyback” their charitable contributions on foundation program strategies.

GUIDESTAR

› WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

\$25,000 (2011)

Through its extensive database, GuideStar gathers and displays financial and organizational information on the nonprofit sector, which

allows donors, funders, researchers and educators to make informed decisions. This three-year, \$75,000 grant provides three years of annual membership support.

HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR THE AMERICAS

› WASHINGTON

\$220,000

The foundation is a supporting organization of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, which works to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout the Americas by developing community-based support and services. A grant underwriting the foundation’s general operations recognizes Jane L. Delgado for her service on our board of trustees over the past 16 years and is made in memory of her mother, Lucy Delgado.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR

› WASHINGTON

\$17,500 (2011)

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. Funding from this three-year, \$52,500 grant supports our annual membership in the organization for three years.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

› INDIANAPOLIS

\$50,000 (2012)

The university’s Center on Philanthropy is dedicated to increasing the understanding of philanthropy, improving its practice and enhancing participation in the field. This two-year, \$100,000 grant underwrites academic and training scholarships to advance the professional development of up to 18 nonprofit practitioners.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

› BALTIMORE

\$35,000 (2011)

The private research university anchors the Institute for Policy Studies, which serves as its primary social science policy research and teaching arm. The institute supports the Center for Civil Society Studies, which is using this three-year, \$105,000 grant for expansion in Michigan of its Listening Post Project, a collaborative effort to monitor trends and developments affecting U.S. nonprofit organizations.

MDC INC.

› DURHAM, N.C.

\$225,000

The antipoverty organization creates programs to help people obtain financial support, education and job training. This grant sponsors the publication of a biannual report that examines the economic mobility challenges in the South and identifies an education-to-employment agenda for Southern communities.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIVE PHILANTHROPY

› WASHINGTON

\$15,000 (2011)

The organization promotes philanthropic giving that serves the public good, responds to the needs of underserved people and communities and meets high standards of integrity and transparency. A three-year, \$45,000 grant covers our membership dues for three years and supports this ongoing work.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NONPROFITS

› WASHINGTON

\$60,000 (2012)

The council works through its network of state associations and affiliates in 42 states and the nation’s capital to advance the role, capacity and voice of more than 25,000 charitable nonprofits. This two-year, \$120,000 grant provides operating support for two years.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

› WASHINGTON

\$500,000

National Public Radio distributes programming to more than 900 public-radio stations across the country. This grant supports reporting by NPR’s National Desk that covers topics related to Kresge’s goal of expanding opportunity in America’s cities.

NEW VENTURE FUND

› WASHINGTON

\$40,000

The nonprofit organization provides project-implementation and intermediary services to the philanthropic sector for public-interest projects focused on conservation, global health, education, music and the arts and other areas. Grant money is being used to create a new report to help public and philanthropic organizations design and implement prizes to achieve their social objectives.

PORTICO CHURCH INC.

› CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

\$100,000

Portico seeks to create churches for future generations that address the needs of vulnerable urban communities. This grant, which honors Susan K. Drewes for her service on our Board of Trustees, provides funds for the church’s Portico Ix building project to expand its urban campus and ministerial programs in downtown Charlottesville.

ROCKEFELLER PHILANTHROPY ADVISORS INC.

› NEW YORK

\$15,000

The organization provides research and counsel on charitable giving, develops philanthropic programs and offers program, administrative and management services for foundations and trusts. Funding supports the creation of a strategic framework that can help foundations more efficiently design, develop and deploy their leadership.

SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

› WASHINGTON

\$10,000

The church serves more than 3,000 families, operates a School of Religion and sponsors community outreach and education programs. This grant to sustain the church and its work honors Jane L. Delgado for her 16 years of service on our Board of Trustees and serves as a memorial for Lucy Delgado, her mother.

SMART GROWTH AMERICA

› WASHINGTON

\$982,250

The national organization researches, advocates and leads coalitions to bring smart-growth practices to communities nationwide. Through this two-year, \$1.49 million grant, Smart Growth America’s Transportation for America advocacy program is working with regional planners and local advocates to develop and implement model regional transportation plans, projects, programs and policies that improve health, equity, the environment and placemaking in Detroit and other target regions.

ST. PAUL’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

› ROCHESTER, MICH.

\$100,000

Through its various ministries, the church provides food, clothing and shelter to low-income families, builds Habitat for Humanity homes and sponsors outreach, counseling and missionary work. Grant funding recognizes Susan K. Drewes for her service on our Board of Trustees and enables the church to replace its sanctuary roof and make other capital improvements.

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## ST. THOMAS APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

› WASHINGTON

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**\$30,000**

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The church serves the surrounding community through education classes, charity drives, financial assistance and meal delivery to seniors. A grant to support the church and its activities salutes Jane L. Delgado for her 16 years of service on our Board of Trustees and honors the memory of her mother, Lucy Delgado.

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## STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ FOUNDATION

› NEW PALTZ, N.Y.

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**\$20,000**

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The foundation fosters programmatic excellence, academic achievement, scholarly research and student scholarships at SUNY New Paltz, a four-year residential college. A grant for the Lucy Delgado Memorial Scholarship Endowment honors Lucy Delgado and recognizes the contributions her daughter, Jane L. Delgado, has made during her 16 years of service on our Board of Trustees.

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## TAPROOT FOUNDATION

› SAN FRANCISCO

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**\$100,000**

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Taproot engages professionals in strategic and financial management, human resources, marketing and information technology to provide pro bono services to nonprofit organizations. This grant will support Taproot's efforts to expand its Powered by Pro Bono program by further developing a digital marketplace to connect professionals and nonprofits.

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## THOMAS JEFFERSON AREA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

› CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

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**\$100,000**

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The Haven, formerly known as the Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless, works to reduce homelessness by initiating creative solutions and coordinating regional resources and services. Through this grant, which honors Susan K. Drewes for her service on our Board of Trustees, the Haven is able to purchase new equipment and deliver critical services to the area's homeless population.

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## TIDES CENTER

› SAN FRANCISCO

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**\$110,000**

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The Tides Center is a public charity that serves as a fiscal agent for groups working to promote progressive social change on local, national and international levels. This grant supports the Talent Philanthropy Project, which encourages foundations to invest in leadership development at nonprofit organizations.

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## TIDES CENTER

› SAN FRANCISCO

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**\$55,000**

(2011)

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Tides Center is the fiscal agent of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, an affinity group offering peer and intergenerational networking, professional leadership development, and next-generation advocacy for foundation professionals under the age of 40. This three-year, \$165,000 grant is for general operating support of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy.

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## TIDES CENTER

› SAN FRANCISCO

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**\$12,500**

(2011)

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Tides Center is the fiscal agent of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, an affinity group offering peer and intergenerational networking, professional and leadership development, and next-generation advocacy for foundation professionals under the age of 40. This three-year, \$37,500 grant provides institutional membership support for three years.

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## TIDES FOUNDATION

› SAN FRANCISCO

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**\$200,000**

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The nonprofit organization provides fiscal sponsorship for more than 230 groups nationwide, operates and supports green nonprofit centers, and grants millions of dollars annually to charitable organizations around the world. This grant funds the Alliance for Citizenship, a national coalition of more than 170 organizations focused on advancing broad-based immigration reform, including a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in America.

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