

EDUCATION

ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Queensbury, New York

\$350,000

Located in a rural community in upstate New York, the college serves 3,400 students, half of whom are first-generation college students. Last year, the State University of New York named the school a branch campus, and ACC now plans to construct a Regional Higher Education Center with funding assistance from this challenge grant.

AVANCE INC. (2007 grant)

San Antonio, Texas

\$1,350,000

Founded in 1973 by a San Antonio school teacher, AVANCE is the nation's leading education and support organization for parents of children under age three, serving at-risk Hispanic communities in Texas through a network of 90 program sites and 10 chapters around the state. A multi-year, \$2,550,000 grant will be used to replicate this successful Texas community-service model in New Mexico and California.

CENTRAL COLLEGE

Pella, Iowa

\$850,000

The liberal-arts school has distinguished itself as a statewide leader in sustainable design and an anchor in its small, rural community. Challenge-grant funds will support the construction of a LEED-rated classroom building, which will house its education and psychology departments, and its service-learning and outreach programs for minority students.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

\$800,000

Established in 1892 as a teaching college, the school excels in teacher preparation and education, with special emphasis on providing accessibility and financial aid to first-generation college students. Challenge-grant funds will construct a new LEED-rated College of Education building to consolidate faculty and programs at a single site.

CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Seattle, Washington

\$250,000

The child-care resource and referral agency, which pioneered the nation's first searchable online database of licensed care centers and family programs, is partnering on a pilot project to coordinate public/private funding for informal and non-center-based child care. This three-year, \$900,000 grant will help the organization expand the project throughout the state.

CHILDREN'S HOME + AID

Chicago, Illinois

\$500,000

The 125-year-old agency serves 40,000 children and families through its eight core service areas and operates six early-learning centers for low-income children. Funding from this challenge grant will help construct the new Schaumburg Child + Family Center, replacing a temporary site, and triple the facility's capacity to 110 educationally at-risk youngsters.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

Memphis, Tennessee

\$1,000,000

The school's mission to provide access to a values-based education, regardless of income, religion or cultural background, has established it as an important anchor institution in Memphis. The renovation of its School of Science building and the construction of the Cooper-Wilson Center, supported by this challenge grant, will enhance science education.

CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Clarion, Pennsylvania

\$400,000

Clarion serves as a major employer in the community and a gateway to higher education for low-income and underserved students, more than half of whom are first-generation college students. With this challenge-grant funding, the school will construct a LEED-rated Science and Technology Center to accommodate its program and research expansion.

COOKE CENTER FOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

New York, New York

\$750,000

As New York City's largest provider of special-education services, the center offers instruction and consultation to 2,000 cognitively challenged children and adolescents, many of them from disadvantaged neighborhoods and high-poverty areas. The renovation of Cooke Academy, aided by this challenge grant, will improve the building's accessibility and modernize its infrastructure.

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Chicago, Illinois

\$1,000,000

Historically, DePaul has welcomed students from disadvantaged backgrounds and maintained its leadership role as an urban institution by encouraging student and faculty engagement with Chicago's poorest schools and communities. This challenge grant will support construction of a LEED-rated Integrated Science Building, which will become a laboratory for studying sustainability.

FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fort Scott, Kansas

\$900,000

Many first-generation college students attend classes and job-training programs at the college, which will use challenge-grant funding to construct a new Fine Arts Center. The building will house the Gordon Parks Museum to honor Parks (Life Magazine's first African-American photographer) and the Center for Culture and Diversity.

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

Lakewood, New Jersey

\$350,000

The university's special mission to serve women distinguishes it among liberal-arts institutions. Plans to build a LEED-rated wellness center, supported by this challenge grant, will expand health and wellness programs for students, faculty, and staff; create athletic opportunities for women; and improve community access.

IONA COLLEGE

New Rochelle, New York

\$550,000

Located in suburban New York City, Iona attracts first-generation college students, including many minorities, and engages the community through its special assistance and enrichment programs. This challenge grant will go toward the renovation and expansion of its library, which also will advance the city's economic-revitalization efforts.

KENYON COLLEGE

Gambier, Ohio

\$650,000

Ohio's oldest private college is among the nation's most selective. Challenge-grant funds will provide \$250,000 for the construction of a LEED-rated visual-arts facility to house expanded studio-arts and art-history courses, and \$400,000 for Kenyon's need-based student-aid endowment.

LEE COLLEGE

Baytown, Texas

\$300,000

Kresge's first challenge grant to a community college, Lee plays a critical role in providing access to higher education for minority and low-income students while supporting economic redevelopment in the downtown area. The construction of a Performing Arts Center will buttress these efforts by attracting new audiences, spurring commercial growth, and providing permanent space for performing-arts organizations.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Livonia, Michigan

\$1,500,000

Founded to serve working-class women, Madonna now offers a co-educational curriculum, but remains committed to educating underserved, nontraditional and first-generation college students, including the deaf and hearing-impaired. Challenge-grant funding will construct a LEED-rated Science and Media Building, housing specialized science labs and production facilities for television, radio, and film.

MDRC

New York, New York

\$800,000

Established in 1972 by federal agencies and the Ford Foundation, the organization combines research, experience and know-how to improve the lives of low-income individuals and influence public policy and practice. This three-year grant will help to expand performance-based scholarships at minority-serving institutions, explore developmental education effectiveness, enhance research dissemination, and improve kindergarten readiness.

MOLLOY COLLEGE

Rockville Centre, New York

\$350,000

The Long Island college provides a liberal-arts education to a predominantly commuter population, including a significant number of first-generation college students and Pell Grant recipients. Challenge-grant funding will assist with the construction of Public Square, a new LEED-rated campus-life center housing a theater, gallery, and television studio for student and community use.

MOORE COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$400,000

The nation's only visual-arts college for women is a strong neighborhood anchor with a variety of gallery exhibitions, outreach programs for children and youth, and educational partnerships. The renovation of several campus buildings, including Sarah Peter Hall, Stahl Hall, and Wilson Hall, will be made possible through this challenge grant.

OLIVET COLLEGE

Olivet, Michigan

\$1,200,000

The 164-year-old private college, one of the nation's first educational institutions to enroll African Americans, continues to pursue diversity and recruit first-generation college students with limited means. Challenge-grant assistance will facilitate the construction of the M. Gorton Riethmiller Art Building, a LEED-rated facility with space for art exhibitions, lectures and classrooms.

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Klamath Falls, Oregon

\$1,000,000

Specializing in science and technology, the institute has been a leader in the environmental movement and established the nation's first bachelor's degree in renewable-energy systems. To accommodate its undergraduate health-care programs, the institute will use challenge-grant funding for construction of a wing of the LEED-rated Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions.

PEACE COLLEGE

Raleigh, North Carolina

\$350,000

The 150-year-old women's college has provided important access to higher education for low-income, minority, and first-generation college students while supporting the downtown community. This challenge grant will lead to the renovation and expansion of the Lucy Cooper Finch Library, offering students and residents technologically advanced facilities and dynamic learning opportunities.

RESOURCE AREA FOR TEACHERS (RAFT)

San Jose, California

\$275,000

RAFT has become a national model for environmental sustainability by providing reusable materials from local businesses to elementary schoolteachers and nonprofit groups for educational activities. Funding from this challenge grant will go toward the renovation of an existing building.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Seattle, Washington

\$750,000

The Pacific Northwest's largest independent university is also one of the region's most racially and economically diverse, offering scholarships, internships, and academic support for under-represented minorities. The creation of a LEED-rated library and learning commons, funded in part by this challenge grant, will serve as a base for neighborhood outreach and recruitment.

SECOND NATURE INC.

Boston, Massachusetts

\$20,000

Second Nature has worked with leaders at more than 500 colleges and universities to help incorporate sustainability principles into every aspect of higher education. This planning grant enabled the nonprofit to assist Kresge in developing an implementation strategy for the foundation's new requirement, effective June 2010, that all higher-education challenge-grant projects must seek a LEED Silver or equivalent rating.

SECOND NATURE INC.

Boston, Massachusetts

\$1,042,000

The nonprofit supports college and university faculty and administrators in their efforts to make environmental sustainability the foundation of higher-education learning and practice. This three-year, \$1,242,000 grant will fund Second Nature's comprehensive outreach, training, and support for educational institutions with limited resources to ensure they are able to meet Kresge's new challenge-grant requirements for a LEED Silver or equivalent rating of facilities.

SERENDIPITY CENTER INC.

Portland, Oregon

\$300,000

Serendipity Center, opened in 1979 as an alternative to traditional public schools, serves low-income and abused children, ages five to 21, with severe psychiatric and developmental disabilities with specialized evaluation, treatment, and education. Challenge-grant funding will help the center expand its school into two age-specific buildings.

SETON HILL UNIVERSITY

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

\$400,000

The former women's liberal-arts college, now co-ed, attracts significant numbers of low-income and first-generation college students, 95 percent of whom receive financial aid. The school's strong collaborative relationship with the community is evident from its plan to construct a downtown performing-arts center, for school and community use, with this challenge grant.

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Fresno, California

\$800,000

Through its two community colleges and three centers, the system provides predominantly minority and first-generation college students with classes, tutoring, and support programs leading to allied-health or liberal-arts degrees. This challenge grant will renovate and expand the Old Administration Building's auditorium, built in 1916.

SUNSHINE CENTER INC.

Independence, Missouri

\$500,000

Youngsters who have special needs and come from low- and moderate-income families attend early childhood education programs at the center, the only special-needs care provider in Jackson County. Challenge-grant funding will enable the organization to renovate a former elementary school and increase its capacity to 134 children.

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND INC.

Fairfax, Virginia

\$60,000

The nation's oldest and most successful minority, higher-education assistance organization is expanding its support to historically black universities, tribal colleges and Hispanic-serving schools to help them build and renovate facilities in an environmentally sustainable way. Grant monies will be used to design UNCF's Building Green at Minority-Serving Institutions Initiative, in partnership with Second Nature.

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND INC.

Fairfax, Virginia

\$133,225

The fund will help Fisk University, a leading, historically black, liberal-arts institution, address longstanding operational issues and develop a comprehensive, long-term, sustainable operating plan. This four-year, \$1,432,950 grant will support an external review of Fisk's operations and facilitate the school's participation in the UNCF's long-term, capacity-building initiative.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara, California

\$500,000

The university's mission to serve the educationally disadvantaged and under-represented has resulted in a student body that is unusually racially/ethnically, socio-economically, and culturally diverse. With challenge-grant funding, the school will construct the new LEED-rated Gevirtz School of Education, which will enhance its ongoing community outreach and enrichment programs.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz, California

\$700,000

The university serves as an important portal for students of color and individuals from low-income and working-class families while providing extensive outreach to 41,000 middle-school, high-school, and community-college students in the area. The expansion and renovation of McHenry Library, aided by this challenge grant, will upgrade technologies and accommodate future growth.

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT, MERCY

Detroit, Michigan

\$2,000,000

The Law School at Detroit's largest private university has distinguished itself by providing legal services to indigent residents and refugees, attracting African American students, and sending graduates into public service. Challenge-grant funding will support the renovation and expansion of the Law School, including the creation of a nonprofit suite offering legal assistance.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Eugene, Oregon

\$250,000

As the state's flagship campus, the university provides good access to low-income students from diverse backgrounds and demonstrates a sustained commitment to community service. This challenge grant will go toward the LEED-rated renovation and construction of new facilities for the College of Education, allowing it to consolidate its programs in one location.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$1,500,000

The university's School of Nursing offers students real-life training experiences through community-outreach programs, which also provide subsidized services to low-income residents in West Philadelphia. Challenge-grant monies will be used to renovate the school, improve its offices and laboratories, and reorient its entrance toward the community.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Salt Lake City, Utah

\$1,000,000

The state's only private, independent liberal-arts college is committed to attracting more minority students and promoting environmental sustainability. To meet the growing demand for graduates with science and health-care degrees, the college will use this challenge grant to build a LEED-rated science center, which will allow it to expand and consolidate its programs.

WHELOCK COLLEGE

Boston, Massachusetts

\$800,000

Dedicated to improving the lives of children and families, the college primarily serves women seeking to enter the professional fields of child life, social work, and education as well as liberal arts and science. This challenge grant supports the construction of a six-story Campus Center, the first of three green projects on campus.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

New Orleans, Louisiana

\$2,000,000

The nation's only Roman Catholic, historically black university has been recognized for its success in preparing African Americans for careers in science and admittance into leading medical schools. With challenge-grant funding, the school will expand and renovate its School of Pharmacy facility, which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Youngstown, Ohio

\$1,200,000

The university is a key player in public-private partnerships aimed at redeveloping this aging industrial city and promoting it as a center for business and technology startups. This challenge grant will support the construction of a LEED-rated replacement facility for the Williamson College of Business Administration, located adjacent to Youngstown's Downtown Business Incubator.
