



Education Program: Grants

The association is the leading advocacy and membership organization for the nation's 1,200 community colleges and their nearly 12 million students. Grant funding will support "Building a Green Workforce: Charting a Green Course for Community Colleges." The grant will identify opportunities for community colleges to build a green workforce and establish field-wide best practices.

American Association of Community Colleges
Washington, D.C.
\$750,000

As the nation's major higher-education coordinating body, the council endeavors to increase education access and attainment for both traditional and nontraditional learners. Kresge funding for the Veterans Jam project will help the higher-education system identify the best methods to attract and retain returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to ensure they complete their degrees.

American Council on Education
Washington, D.C.
\$667,700

The community college's two campuses and community outreach programs serve a diverse student body in an under-resourced, low-income area of the state. Challenge grant monies will help construct a LEED-rated Learning and Conference Center, which will expand the nursing program and provide space for specialized learning.

Central Florida Community College
Ocala, Florida
\$450,000

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.

Child Care Resources
(2008 grant)
Seattle, Washington
\$500,000

The commission's Head Start program provides early childhood development and education services for low-income and special-needs children and their parents. Kresge's challenge grant supports the construction of an expansion facility, allowing the agency to accommodate additional students and offer indoor physical activities designed to reduce obesity and improve children's health.

Clackamas County Children's Commission
Marylhurst, Oregon
\$200,000

Clark State is dedicated to creating access to higher education for diverse, underserved populations and to anchoring Springfield's arts district. Kresge's challenge grant for a new Creative Arts Commons will expand the college's downtown presence and provide additional facilities space for classes, performances, and outreach programs.

Clark State Community College
Springfield, Ohio
\$850,000

Community College of Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pennsylvania \$1,200,000	As Pennsylvania's largest single point-of-entry into higher education for minorities, the community college offers targeted programs to help students prepare for college and successfully complete their education or training. Kresge's challenge grant will help to create a new, comprehensive, LEED-rated student-service center.
EduGuide Lansing, Michigan \$300,000	EduGuide is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping students, parents, educators, and schools plan for academic success. This grant will advance the development of a technology-based, customizable college coaching club system targeting first-generation, low-income, and minority students, and will support financial-aid and organizational-planning efforts.
Fort Lewis College Durango, Colorado \$1,000,000	Founded in 1891, the college has maintained its historical commitment to educating Native American students and serving as a community resource in Colorado's Four Corners area. This challenge grant will help to fund the renovation and expansion of the College Union, providing a LEED-rated facility for campus and community educational services and events.
Foundation for California Community Colleges Sacramento, California \$250,000	The foundation serves California's 110 community colleges, providing resource development and advancement, program and grant management, system-wide purchasing, financial services, information-technology, and career training support. Kresge's planning grant will identify cost-savings and resource-development opportunities to help the California community-college system withstand current financial challenges and prepare for future growth.
Gateway to College National Network Portland, Oregon \$987,000	With 24 sites, Gateway is a successful dropout-recovery program that uses a college-based model to help homeless and other hard-to-serve students complete high school and earn college credits. Kresge's grant will enable the organization to extend its national network, improve developmental education at its partner institutions, strengthen its data collection, and build its growth and funding capacity.
Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas \$750,000	As Arkansas's leading liberal arts institution, Hendrix maintains a firm commitment to community outreach, local leadership, and environmental sustainability. The college's new LEED-rated Student Life and Technology Center, supported by this challenge grant, will house innovative learning programs and serve as an open door to the surrounding community.
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana – Central Indiana Region Indianapolis, Indiana \$1,000,000	Ivy Tech serves as Indiana's workforce development engine, offering affordable education to many first-generation college students and individuals from non-traditional backgrounds. Kresge's challenge grant will help to fund the purchase of equipment for a new campus facility housing the culinary arts and hospitality programs.
Labette Community College Parsons, Kansas \$1,000,000	Located in a former coal-mining area where medical facilities lack adequate staffing to serve low-income residents, the community college offers access to training in the allied health professions for first-generation and minority students. The construction of a LEED-rated Health Sciences Building, assisted by this challenge grant, will enable the institution to increase enrollment in these high-demand programs.

Lane provides nursing and healthcare education to an ethnically and economically diverse student body, and trains local residents for well-paying jobs in an area hard-hit by the timber industry's decline. The construction of a LEED-rated Health and Wellness Educational Center, funded in part by this challenge grant, will lead to increased nursing and healthcare enrollment.
MDC manages Achieving the Dream, a national initiative designed to increase community-college student success, particularly among low-income and minority students. Kresge funding will support the transition of the Achieving the Dream Program into a separate nonprofit organization, and help to add another seven additional Michigan colleges to the program.
Established in 1972 by federal agencies and the Ford Foundation, MDRC combines research, experience, and know-how to improve the lives of low-income individuals and influence public policy and practice. With this grant funding, the organization will test Performance-Based Scholarships for low-income Latino students at Pima Community College's six campus locations in Tucson, Arizona.
Founded in 1876, Meharry is the nation's largest independent historically black academic health center dedicated to educating minority, first-generation, and economically disadvantaged students, who often practice in underserved communities after graduation. Kresge's challenge grant will support a LEED-rated renovation of the Stanley S. Kresge Learning Resource Center.
The association serves as the fiscal agent for the Michigan College Access Network, which seeks to increase Michigan college participation and success rates, especially among low-income, first-generation, and minority students. Kresge's grant will fund challenge grants to community foundations to support local programs and assist community-based college access organizations in their planning and expansion efforts.
As the world's largest professional organization focused on early childhood educators, the association develops and promotes national standards for professional education and administers a national accreditation process for early childhood centers. Kresge's two-year, \$700,000 grant will help more centers become accredited and maintain a high standard of excellence in early childhood care.
In addition to degree-granting programs, the college supports community outreach, public lectures, an Art Walk, and an Arts Adventures camp for low-income children. Challenge grant assistance will help fund the construction of a LEED-rated Drawing, Painting, and Photography Building, allowing for the expansion of studio space and the addition of degree programs in Native American Art.
The district is the Pacific Northwest's largest Head Start provider and delivers educational services in 35 Seattle-area school districts. This challenge grant provides funding to construct the Greenbridge Early Learning Center, a LEED-rated demonstration site providing comprehensive child-development and family-support services to low-income residents based on the innovative Educare early childhood education model.

Lane Community College Eugene, Oregon \$800,000
MDC Inc. Chapel Hill, North Carolina \$2,000,000
MDRC New York, New York \$650,000
Meharry Medical College Nashville, Tennessee \$700,000
Michigan Nonprofit Association Lansing, Michigan \$1,015,000
National Association for the Education of Young Children Washington, D.C. \$335,000
Oregon College of Art and Craft Portland, Oregon \$900,000
Puget Sound Educational Service District Renton, Washington \$600,000

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Newark Newark, New Jersey \$100,000	Housed at the Rutgers University-Camden campus, the Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership is creating a new Early Learning Research Academy to provide early childhood education for minority and low-income children in Camden, an extremely low-income, underserved community. With assistance from Kresge's planning grant, the center will formulate and implement a capital fundraising campaign for the academy.
Scholarship America Inc. – Minneapolis Minneapolis, Minnesota \$1,500,000	Over the past 50 years, the national nonprofit organization has awarded nearly \$2 billion to more than two million students through its scholarship programs and services. This grant will support expansion of the Dreamkeepers Emergency Financial Assistance Program, which helps community college students overcome financial emergencies and stay enrolled in school.
Southern Education Foundation Inc. Atlanta, Georgia \$1,000,000	The long-standing nonprofit organization, dating to 1867, is the American South's only African American-led public charity working regionally on education issues affecting low-income students. Kresge's grant will advance ongoing efforts to strengthen the leadership of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and improve their success in achieving and maintaining regional accreditation.
Unite-LA Inc. Los Angeles, California \$900,000	Unite-LA provides minority and low-income Los Angeles high school students with the information and assistance they need to apply for college financial aid. As a partner of the California Cash for College program, the nonprofit will use Kresge grant money to train volunteers and create a public campaign to increase college and financial aid applications.
United Negro College Fund Inc. Fairfax, Virginia \$1,452,620	The nation's largest minority-education organization helps students to access and complete degrees at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This two-year, \$1,800,000 grant aims to increase awareness of environmentally sustainable facilities at Minority Serving Institutions.
United Negro College Fund Inc. (2008 grant) Fairfax, Virginia \$305,375	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 supports an external review of Fisk's operations and facilitate the school's participation in the UNCF's long-term, capacity-building initiative.
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, North Carolina \$1,000,000	Headquartered at the University of North Carolina, the National College Advising Corps places new college graduates in underserved high schools and community colleges where they help students complete college applications and apply for financial aid. Kresge's grant will support the corps' national training program and help implement the near-peer mentoring model in Michigan.
University of Southern California Los Angeles, California \$250,000	Through its Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a comprehensive six-year college-preparatory program for low-income and minority students in the 7th through 12th grades, the University offers young people in nearby underserved neighborhoods who meet admissions criteria the opportunity to attend USC with full financial support. This grant will provide bridge support during a two-year transition period to ensure there is no disruption in services for participating students.

Northwest Iowa's largest community college offers low-income, first-generation, and nontraditional students opportunities to earn degrees in healthcare, early education, and other fields. Kresge's challenge grant will go toward the construction of a LEED-rated Campus Life and Wellness Center, which will serve as a learning laboratory for green-collar jobs programs.

Western Iowa Tech Community College
Sioux City, Iowa
\$800,000

(Note: No program-related investments were made in the Education Program in 2009.)