

In 2012:
\$21.2 Million
46 Awards



Air Alliance Houston
Houston

\$106,000 / As the region's leading clean-air advocacy organization, Air Alliance Houston seeks to influence public policy on air quality and environmental-health issues to protect residents' health and improve their quality of life. A three-year, \$330,000 grant helps to strengthen the Texas Healthy Port Communities Network, a coalition of community groups working with nonprofit and university-based scientists to reduce the adverse effects of diesel and industrial pollution around the Houston port region.

Alameda County Community Development Agency
Oakland, Calif.

\$299,091 / The agency's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has reduced lead hazards for Alameda County children through remediation efforts, home evaluations, case management and training in lead-safe construction practices. This three-year, \$750,000 grant supports the Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes for Children and Families initiative in promoting healthy housing and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations through on-site interventions, policy development and code enforcement.

American Public Health Association (2011 grant)
Washington

\$54,000 / The association is the world's oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals. This two-year, \$129,600 grant supports the environment section's activities, including lectures, scholarships and educational sessions at the association's annual conference.

American Public Health Association
Washington

\$200,000 / The world's oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals anchors the Center for School Health and Education project. This grant will develop, pilot and evaluate two school-based clinics that can serve as models for improving the health environment for children in school settings.

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
San Francisco

\$100,000 / The organization influences policy, mobilizes communities and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. This grant underwrites the design and testing of an advocacy and policy training strategy that can build the capacity of community-based health networks across 15 states to address the health inequities affecting underrepresented groups.

Capital Link Inc.
Boston

\$50,000 / The national organization provides high-quality, affordable advisory and lending services to nonprofit community health centers seeking to finance capital projects that expand community-based health care. Through this grant, Capital Link is studying the feasibility of developing a national data set of financial and operational benchmarks and metrics that would enable Federally Qualified Health Centers to improve their operations, leverage best practices and attract financial support.

Center for Health, Environment and Justice
Falls Church, Va.

\$100,000 / The advocacy organization seeks to build healthy communities characterized by social justice, economic well-being and democratic governance. This grant underwrites its ongoing efforts to improve indoor and outdoor air quality around schools and to provide outreach, education and technical assistance to mobilize public support to protect low-income children from toxic hazards.

Center for Public Integrity
Washington

\$175,000 / The longstanding, well-respected, nonpartisan investigative news organization works to enhance democracy by revealing abuses of power, corruption and betrayal of trust by powerful public and private institutions. A two-year, \$350,000 grant for general operations supports its journalistic reporting on important health and environmental-justice issues.

Center for Science in the Public Interest (2011 grant)
Washington

\$250,000 / The national health advocacy organization specializes in nutrition, food safety and obesity prevention. This three-year, \$650,000 grant helps to fund the center's national campaign to reduce the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, which have been linked directly to obesity, particularly among consumers in low-income communities of color.

Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment (2010 grant)
San Francisco

\$250,000 / Created in 1989, the organization helps low-income, minority, grassroots groups in rural areas address the disproportionate burden of pollution and environmental health hazards. A three-year, \$750,000 grant supports two related projects in California's San Joaquin Valley: a land-use project to help residents shape land-use decisions in their communities and an air project to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from dairy farms.

Children's Environmental Health Network
Washington

\$100,000 / The nation's first and leading advocate for protecting children from environmental harm plays a key role in shaping both health research and policy. This three-year, \$300,000 grant funds Eco-Healthy Child Care, a national training and environmental-assessment program for child-care facilities that endorses providers who are committed to creating a safer, healthier environment for children.

City of Newark
Newark, N.J.

\$50,000 / The city's Department of Child and Family Well-Being provides comprehensive health-care, social and environmental services for Newark citizens and other consumers to ensure an optimal level of health and welfare. Grant assistance enables the city to develop a strategy for transitioning its current Get The Lead Out program to a comprehensive healthy-homes model.

Comite de Apoyo a Los Trabajadores Agrícolas Inc. (2011 grant)
Glassboro, N.J.

\$100,000 / The grassroots organization is a leading advocate for agricultural workers and has raised awareness among thousands of trabajadores (workers) and their families about important health issues such as pesticide exposure and its link to health problems. This three-year, \$275,000 grant enables the Food Justice Project to deliver affordable organic food and ongoing nutrition education to low-income rural residents in Bridgeton, N.J., and Kennett Square, Pa.

Commonweal (2010 grant)
Bollinas, Calif.

\$75,000 / For more than 30 years, the organization has fostered improvements in human and environmental health through its programmatic work with cancer patients, health care professionals, at-risk youth and affinity groups. A three-year, \$225,000 grant supports several programs related to environmental health, including the Collaborative on Health and the Environment, the Biomonitoring Resource Center, Cancer Help and the new Environmental Health Primary Prevention Training Program.

Communities for a Better Environment

Huntington Park, Calif.

\$200,000 / Through grassroots activism, environmental research and legal assistance, the environmental-justice organization helps minority residents in underserved, industrialized communities throughout California change policies and practices that threaten their health. This grant funds its ongoing work to prevent and reduce pollution and to build healthy, sustainable neighborhoods.

Community Catalyst Inc. (2011 grant)

Boston

\$150,000 / Community Catalyst focuses on building consumer advocacy to shape health care policy. A three-year, \$500,000 grant enables the organization to develop and support effective models for engaging community members, particularly those who are underserved, in hospital community benefit programs.

Community Partners (2011 grant)

Los Angeles

\$150,000 / Community Partners' efforts to promote social service innovation include the City Project, which utilizes land-use planning strategies, policy and legal research and community organizing to address environmental disparities and to increase access to natural places for urban communities. This three-year, \$500,000 grant underwrites the continuation and expansion of its work in California.

DNA People's Legal Services (2011 grant)

Window Rock, Ark.

\$150,000 / The legal-aid organization works to protect civil rights, promote tribal sovereignty and alleviate civil legal problems for people who live in poverty in the southwestern United States. DNA is using this three-year, \$450,000 grant to expand its medical-legal partnership program, which leverages medical-legal collaboration and direct legal advocacy to reduce health disparities and improve outcomes for low-income Native Americans.

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy

Oakland, Calif.

\$75,000 / The alliance of community, faith and labor organizations advances economic, racial and social justice by building a just economy based on good jobs and healthy communities. A three-year, \$225,000 grant supports its Clean and Safe Ports campaign to win passage of the Clean Ports Act, and its Revive Oakland campaign to create good jobs for Oakland community residents.

Enterprise Community Partners Inc.

Columbia, Md.

\$250,000 / Through its Enterprise Green Communities program, this national organization offers wide-ranging assistance to developers for creating affordable, environmentally responsible, low-income housing that meets high standards for green, healthy construction. A two-year, \$500,000 grant funds a comprehensive research study to evaluate the health effects of green, affordable housing on low-income adults and children in three communities.

Environmental Health Coalition (2010 grant)

Oakland, Calif.

\$225,000 / The coalition is a leader in advancing public policies and ordinances that protect public health and the environment from toxic pollution in southern California. This three-year, \$675,000 grant supports the adoption of clean-air plans for the Port of San Diego and the San Diego/Tijuana border crossing, as well as the development and dissemination of a community-planning model in California and nationally.

Environmental Health Coalition

Oakland, Calif.

\$200,000 / The coalition is a leader in advancing public policies and ordinances that protect public health and the environment from toxic pollution in southern California. It is using this two-year, \$400,000 grant to implement the Green Zones initiative, which creates a progressive statewide framework for improving environmental-health equity and community-based planning for low-income communities.

Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest

Chicago

\$210,000 / The center is a leading environmental public-interest and legal advocacy organization in the Midwest. Grant money supports planning for a campaign to reduce diesel pollution from trains, trucks and equipment in Chicago's rail yards and to galvanize community action in low-income and working-class neighborhoods affected by their proximity to the freight-transport facilities on the city's South Side.

Farmworker Association of Florida Inc. (2011 grant)

Apopka, Fla.

\$150,000 / The grassroots organization uses education and advocacy to improve the health of farmworkers and their families in low-income agricultural areas throughout Florida. A three-year, \$450,000 grant funds a project to build strategic statewide policies and practices aimed at reducing pesticide exposure for these vulnerable farmworker communities.

Farmworker Justice Fund Inc. (2011 grant)

Washington

\$200,000 / The fund is committed to reducing the negative health and environmental effects of overexposure to pesticides for agricultural workers and their family members. This three-year, \$600,000 grant strengthens the organization's efforts to ensure that federal regulations for agricultural pesticides, now under revision, contain significantly strong protections to preserve the health of agricultural-community residents.

Fiscal Management Associates

New York

\$51,350 / The consulting group offers financial management advice and capacity-building services to nonprofit organizations and foundations. Through this grant, it is providing the Indiana Primary Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association with technical assistance and project-management support to design and implement the Strengthen, Transform, Adapt and Replicate, or STAR, initiative to undergird selected community health centers.

Fiscal Management Associates

New York

\$22,300 / The consulting group offers financial-management advice and capacity-building services to nonprofit organizations and foundations. Through this two-year, \$44,600 grant, it is providing the Indiana Primary Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association with program-implementation support during the first year of the Strengthen, Transform, Adapt and Replicate, or STAR, initiative to undergird selected community health centers.

George Washington University (2011 grant)

Washington

\$250,000 / The university is home to the National Health Policy Forum, a nonpartisan organization that offers federal health policymakers high-level, unbiased information and analysis on key health-policy issues. This two-year, \$850,000 grant allows the forum to expand knowledge and understanding of new models of primary care, the health care safety net, population health, nonmedical determinants of health and the public health infrastructure.

Georgia State University Research Foundation Inc.

Atlanta

\$200,000 / The foundation supports research activities at Georgia State University by securing grant financing and obtaining contracts for the performance of sponsored research, development or other programs, which are administered by the university. This three-year, \$600,000 grant provides funding to three organizations working under the foundation's auspices to develop a national accreditation process for the Community HUB model, an innovative community health partnership approach that connects at-risk individuals to health and social services.

Global Community Monitor

El Cerrito, Calif.

\$100,000 / The environmental-justice and human rights organization empowers communities to create clean, healthy, sustainable living environments. Through a three-year, \$300,000 grant, Global Community Monitor is able to provide environmental-monitoring assistance to low-income port communities that are addressing the health effects of air pollution from shipping and freight-transport activities.

Grantmakers in Health

Washington

\$7,500 / The educational organization serves as a resource center for grantmakers and others seeking expertise and information on the field of health philanthropy. This two-year, \$15,000 grant provides institutional membership support.

Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association Inc. (2010 grant)

Arlington, Va.

\$125,000 / The nation's third-largest broadcasting station for public television is responsible for the PBS NewsHour, which serves more than 6 million viewers and listeners with its daily news reporting and analysis. This three-year, \$375,000 grant enables the PBS NewsHour to continue its extensive, in-depth coverage of health care reform implementation while promoting robust dialogue on health care issues.

Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice

(2010 grant)

San Francisco

\$240,000 / The diverse, multiracial organization strives to protect the health of vulnerable communities from environmental pollution, including contamination from hazardous-waste landfills. Aided by a three-year, \$360,000 grant, Greenaction is pressing government agencies and policymakers to enforce regulations on polluting industries and to consider the cumulative health impacts of chemical-waste disposal in their policy decisions.

Greensboro Housing Coalition Inc.

Greensboro, N.C.

\$250,000 / The housing-advocacy organization spearheads the Healthy Homes Greensboro initiative to help the community restore housing to healthy conditions, thereby improving health, preserving housing, conserving water and energy and providing a thriving environment. This three-year, \$750,000 grant supports the coalition's efforts to expand its healthy-homes program and achieve better health outcomes for Greensboro residents as part of Kresge's Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative.

Health Care Without Harm

(2011 grant)

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

\$200,000 / The environmental health care coalition of 480 organizations in more than 50 countries addresses environmentally damaging health care practices and promotes green-building standards and tools for the health care industry. This three-year, \$600,000 grant supports the launch of the Healthier Hospitals Agenda to improve hospitals' environmental health and patient-safety performance while reducing natural-resource use and waste generation.

Health Outreach Partners

(2011 grant)

Oakland, Calif.

\$150,000 / The national organization partners with community-based groups to forge strong, effective, sustainable community health models that benefit vulnerable low-income populations. A three-year, \$450,000 grant funds the research and development of five case studies highlighting innovative, replicable modes of transportation that give residents of poor, rural communities access to health care.

**Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton
Comprehensive Health Services**
Ridgeland, S. C.
\$250,000



Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services and its community partners work to ensure comprehensive health and fitness services are available to residents of Sheldon Township, one of South Carolina's poorest rural areas. Here a nurse-practitioner examines a student at Whale Branch Early College High School. The South Carolina community is one of eight nationwide to receive a three-year \$750,000 grant through our Safety Net Enhancement Initiative.

Photo by Theresa Jackson



Percentage of Americans unaware in 2005 that health care disparities are a problem. Whites are least aware with 25 percent believing health care is worse for racial and ethnic minorities. Forty-four percent of African Americans and 56 percent of Hispanic Americans said minorities received worse care than whites.

Source: Grantmakers in Health, "Racial and ethnic disparities in health"

Henry Ford Health System

(2011 grant)

Detroit

\$250,000 / The health care provider offers a wide spectrum of medical services to individuals in metropolitan Detroit and serves as a center for education and medical research. This three-year, \$750,000 grant supports a multisystem, public-private project to improve the coordination and delivery of health and social services in three Detroit neighborhoods, with the goal of reducing infant mortality.

Human Impact Partners

Oakland, Calif.

\$94,150 / Through the evaluation of health impacts and inequities, the organization seeks to transform the policies, institutions and places that people need to live healthy lives. Funding from a two-year, \$188,300 grant supports communication and education initiatives designed to ensure the fields of Health Impact Assessment and Health in All Policies focus on equity and incorporate community engagement, leadership and empowerment into project work.

IFF

(2011 grant)

Chicago

\$250,000 / The nonprofit lender and real estate consultant is dedicated to strengthening nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve. This two-year, \$650,000 grant enables IFF to offer financing and services to expand community health centers in Wisconsin and Indiana.

IFF

Chicago

\$31,935 / The nonprofit lender and real estate consultant is dedicated to strengthening nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve. Grant money underwrites a 2012 conference that engages executive leaders from Midwestern community health centers and primary care associates in discussions about innovative health center designs that can improve patient care.

Indiana Primary Health Care Association

Indianapolis

\$250,000 / The association advocates quality health care for all Indiana residents and supports the development of affordable, accessible community-oriented primary care initiatives, including community health centers. A three-year, \$652,000 grant provides funding to implement the Strengthen, Transform, Adapt and Replicate, or STAR, initiative in the state's Federally Qualified Health Centers, as part of an effort to build innovative, scalable, sustainable facilities that can adapt to a rapidly changing environment.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (2011 grant)
Minneapolis

\$225,000 / Established in response to the 1986 worldwide farm crisis, the institute works locally and globally to develop policies and best practices that ensure food, farm and trade systems are fair and sustainable. A two-year, \$450,000 grant advances the institute's efforts to reform the nation's food system by developing and promoting a more equitable and healthy model.

Institute for Alternative Futures
Alexandria, Va.

\$195,000 / Since its founding in 1977 by noted futurist Alvin Toffler, the institute has developed reports on the future of public health, education, climate change, the information revolution and many other subject areas. This grant is being used to develop alternative scenarios for the future of the nation's rapidly changing public health sector.

Ironbound Community Corp.
Newark, N.J.

\$165,000 / The 43-year-old community-based organization provides child care, youth programming, family support and senior services to the multiethnic, working-class Ironbound neighborhood adjacent to Newark's waterfront. This three-year, \$495,000 grant supports a three-year "Take Back the Ports" campaign to galvanize local leaders and grassroots activists to address the adverse environmental-health impacts of diesel pollution on residents living near ports in New Jersey and New York.

Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation Inc. (2011 grant)
New York

\$150,000 / The organization promotes sustainable, equitable agricultural and food systems and manages a multiyear project to develop grassroots leadership in food policy. A three-year, \$450,000 grant supports an Eat4Health fellowship program to improve the capability of local leaders from underserved communities to shape the development and outcomes of food-system policies.

KaBOOM! (2010 grant)
Washington

\$100,000 / Dedicated to empowering communities to create play spaces for children, KaBOOM! annually offers Playful City USA Certification to cities that submit applications attesting to their willingness and readiness to increase play opportunities in their communities. Funding from this three-year, \$300,000 grant allows KaBOOM! to award 15 challenge grants of \$10,000 each toward the purchase of playground equipment for low-income communities.

Lehigh Valley Hospital (2011 grant)
Allentown, Pa.

\$200,000 / The Lehigh Valley Health Network, comprising three hospitals and multiple community-based clinics, is spearheading the transition of electronic medical records from area care providers into a single, shared portal. Lehigh is using this three-year, \$600,000 grant to create a streamlined data-sharing system for hospitals, community health centers and schools that will improve health care for at-risk children.

Liberty Hill Foundation
Los Angeles

\$250,000 / As a leading social-change institution, the foundation has addressed poverty, youth violence, education reform and environmental justice while coordinating efforts to affect public policy. This funding supports the final phase of a collaborative project to implement new zoning reforms that reduce pollution exposure and health risks while creating green enterprises in low-income neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

Local Government Commission
Sacramento, Calif.

\$65,000 / The nonpartisan membership organization provides inspiration, technical assistance and networking to local elected officials and other dedicated community leaders who are working to create healthy, walkable and resource-efficient communities. Funding allows up to 40 key leaders from the nation's port communities to attend the 2013 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Local Initiatives Support Corp.
New York

\$583,000 / The national organization mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide local community-development organizations with funding and technical assistance to transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy, sustainable communities of choice and opportunity. This three-year, \$1.5 million grant for the Healthy Futures Fund complements a \$6 million loan made by our Social Investment Practice and gives community development financial institutions additional financing for Federally Qualified Health Centers, which serve low-income communities. (Learn more about the Social Investment Practice on Page 27.)

Louisiana Public Health Institute (2010 grant)
New Orleans

\$250,000 / The public-health intermediary has been engaged in plans to redevelop New Orleans' devastated communities in ways that address not only the primary-care system, but also the environmental and social determinants of health. This three-year, \$750,000 grant funds the implementation phase of the Orleans Neighborhood Health Implementation Plan to assist residents in building a sustainable community of healthy neighborhoods.

Low Income Investment Fund (2011 grant)
San Francisco

\$275,000 / Since 1984, the community-development financial institution has created pathways of opportunity for low-income individuals and communities. This two-year, \$650,000 grant underwrites the launch of a joint-venture demonstration program deploying up to \$25 million in capital for new, renovated or expanded Federally Qualified Health Center facilities.

Media & Policy Center Foundation of California
Santa Monica, Calif.

\$125,000 / The organization creates televised and coordinated multimedia projects that enlighten, educate and empower individuals seeking to change their lives and communities. This two-year, \$250,000 grant funds community-engagement and outreach strategies to enhance public awareness and understanding of the key messages of "Designing Healthy Communities," a PBS documentary about the impact of community design, land use and transportation on public health.

Michigan Department of Community Health
Lansing, Mich.

\$80,349 / Michigan's largest state government department is responsible for health policy and management of publicly funded health-service systems, which serve approximately 2 million residents annually. The department is using a three-year, \$211,443 grant to evaluate its Healthy Homes University Program and to disseminate its findings to key department directors and other stakeholders to advance state and local policy on healthy homes.

Michigan League for Human Services (2011 grant)
Lansing, Mich.

\$250,000 / The organization, now known as the Michigan League for Public Policy, is a strong supporter of health care policy reform and serves as the lead agency for the Michigan Consumers for Healthcare Advancement Coalition, an alliance working to ensure the Affordable Care Act meets the needs of Michigan's most vulnerable populations. Assisted by this two-year, \$500,000 grant, the league and other coalition members are developing a unified consumer voice to shape the act's implementation in the state.

Michigan Primary Care Association (2011 grant)
Lansing, Mich.

\$650,000 / The association is a member organization composed of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Michigan. A three-year, \$1 million grant enables the association, in partnership with Capital Link, to create a centralized technical-assistance program designed to help the state's health centers plan, initiate and finance capital projects that extend quality care to underserved communities.

Michigan State University
East Lansing, Mich.

\$150,000 / The teaching and research university has established the Center for Regional Food Systems, or CRFS, which leverages applied research, education and outreach to advance understanding of and engagement with regional food systems. A three-year, \$450,000 grant enables CRFS to develop and lead the Michigan Food Hub Learning and Innovation Network, an initiative to increase the capacity of local food hubs to supply healthy food profitably to new markets, including underserved communities.

Morehouse School of Medicine (2010 grant)
Atlanta

\$167,000 / The school, based at a historically black college, ranks among the nation's leading educators of primary-care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for its social mission. With this three-year, \$500,000 grant, the school is implementing a community-driven health-policy program designed to address and reduce health disparities in five low-income, underserved Fulton County communities.

National Academy of Sciences
Washington

\$700,000 / The academy is a private society of distinguished scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research and dedicated to furthering the use of science and technology for the public good. The NAS anchors the Institute of Medicine, which is using this three-year, \$1.05 million grant to convene three national roundtables that enlist leading public- and environmental-health experts in formulating the best solutions to address health inequities in the United States.

National Center for Healthy Housing Inc. (2010 grant)
Columbia, Md.

\$250,000 / The nonprofit corporation fosters healthy, safe homes for children by engaging in research, reporting, training, and policymaking on housing-related health issues. With this three-year, \$750,000 grant, the center is creating a Community-Based Advocacy for the Healthy Housing Project to implement its National Healthy Housing Action Plan, build a grassroots advocacy network and broaden funding support for healthy housing.

National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Inc.
Atlanta

\$305,000 / Established by the U.S. Congress as an independent organization, the foundation connects the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with private organizations and individuals to build effective public-health programs. This three-year, \$500,000 grant enables the foundation to test different messaging strategies to promote walking in Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson airport, with the goal of applying successful strategies in other public spaces.

Natural Resources Defense Council Inc. (2011 grant)
New York

\$200,000 / Launched in 1970, the national organization has been a leader in building the environmental movement and helping to formulate environmental laws. Through this three-year, \$570,000 grant, the council is providing technical and legal assistance to local grassroots organizations seeking to mitigate the negative health effects on their communities of diesel-related pollution from ports and other intermodal-freight transport facilities.

NCB Capital Impact
Arlington, Va.

\$165,000 / 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. This grant funds the two-day National Summit on Community Health Center Lending and Innovation, which seeks to foster the development of partnerships and more coordinated approaches to serving low-income individuals.

Occidental College (2011 grant)
Los Angeles

\$242,500 / The private liberal-arts college serves a diverse student body on an urban campus. This two-year, \$485,000 grant enables the college's Urban & Environmental Policy Institute to expand its Farm to Preschool pilot project, which raises awareness and increases consumption of farm-fresh produce among preschoolers and their families.

Occidental College
Los Angeles

\$175,000 / The private liberal-arts college serves a diverse student body on an urban campus. This grant enables the Moving Forward Network, a consortium led by the college's Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, to develop a framework for addressing the health impacts of freight traffic on vulnerable communities.

Ohio Environmental Council (2010 grant)
Columbus, Ohio

\$50,000 / Through legislative initiatives, legal action, scientific principles and statewide partnerships, the council works to secure healthy air, land and water in Ohio. Assisted by a three-year, \$180,000 grant, the organization is expanding a project aimed at lowering harmful diesel emissions from construction vehicles in Cleveland and Columbus.

Omaha Community Foundation
Omaha, Neb.

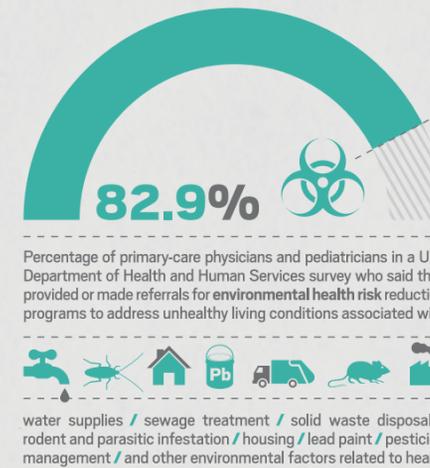
\$250,000 / The philanthropic organization supports nonprofits in Omaha and southwestern Iowa, and serves as the fiscal agent for the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance. The alliance is using this three-year, \$750,000 grant to implement a comprehensive, community-based strategy to improve the overall housing conditions of low-income populations as part of Kresge's Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative.

Partnership for a Healthier America Inc.
Washington

\$84,000 / The partnership is working with the private sector to develop strategies for solving the childhood-obesity crisis in America. A three-year, \$250,000 grant advances organizational efforts to obtain voluntary commitments from leading companies to adopt practices and policies that foster healthy lifestyles and behaviors.

Pew Charitable Trusts
Philadelphia

\$150,000 / As an operating foundation, Pew manages grantmaking programs in culture, education, environment, health and human services. This funding enables Pew to incorporate a safe and healthy homes approach to mitigating household environmental health and safety hazards into its current Home Visiting Campaign, which secures high-quality home visiting services for the nation's at-risk families.



Source: Institute for Alternative Futures: Community Health Centers Leveraging the Social Determinants of Health

PolicyLink (2011 grant)
Oakland, Calif.

\$375,000 / The national research, communications, capacity-building and advocacy-support organization is working to change land-use planning, urban design and urban food systems in ways that improve the health of low-income and minority communities. PolicyLink is using this two-year, \$750,000 grant to inform community leaders and policymakers about successful models, tools and policies that promote healthy land use, transportation and food access.

Prevention Institute (2011 grant)
Oakland, Calif.

\$125,000 / The institute addresses the primary causes of health disparities in low-income communities. This three-year, \$375,000 grant supports the expansion in two urban areas of the Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth program, which guides some of the nation's largest cities in their efforts to prevent youth violence.

Prevention Institute (2011 grant)
Oakland, Calif.

\$169,099 / The institute addresses the primary causes of health disparities in low-income communities. A two-year, \$338,198 grant helps the institute refine and advance its Community-Centered Health Home model, which gives health care providers a structured approach for addressing the key factors that affect population health in communities while maintaining high-quality clinical practices.

Public Health Institute
Oakland, Calif.

\$200,000 / Through its diverse programs and projects, the institute addresses emerging public-health issues and solutions, and fosters innovation to meet today's most significant public-health challenges. This two-year, \$400,000 grant supports the institute's expanded evaluation of the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health, a program designed to deliver high-impact leadership training, coaching and technical assistance to professionals and teams working in community health.

Public Health Solutions (2011 grant)
New York

\$200,000 / The organization develops, implements and advocates strategic solutions to prevent disease and improve community health. A three-year, \$600,000 grant supports the development of a Midwest regional School Food Learning Lab model to help large school districts procure healthy, locally grown, sustainably produced food for school meal programs.

Puget Sound Sage (2011 grant)
Seattle

\$80,000 / The coalition leader unites community, religious, labor and environmental-justice organizations in efforts to improve the air quality of predominantly low-income neighborhoods adjacent to the Port of Seattle. Assisted by this two-year, \$170,000 grant, the organization is partnering with the University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences to develop a strategic plan for clean, safe trucking.

School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan
(2010 grant)
Lansing, Mich.

\$185,000 / More than 100 school-based and school-linked health centers across Michigan receive technical assistance and organizational support from this statewide agency. This two-year, \$365,000 grant allows the alliance to scale up its model for a centralized billing and data-collection system and expand access to a national network of school-based health centers.

Southeastern Michigan Health Association
(2011 grant)
Detroit

\$419,680 / The association is a consortium of health officers who direct local health departments in southeastern Michigan facilitating the delivery of health services throughout the area. Supported by this multiyear, \$1.42 million grant, the association is serving as the national program office for our Advancing Safe and Healthy Housing initiative, which broadens its childhood lead-abatement effort into a comprehensive healthy-housing approach.

Southeastern Michigan Health Association
Detroit

\$250,000 / The association is a consortium of health officers who direct local health departments in southeastern Michigan facilitating the delivery of health services throughout the area. This three-year, \$750,000 grant for the association's CLEARCorps/Detroit project supports the development of a policy agenda for Healthy Homes Detroit, a combined hazards-reduction and community-education initiative being implemented in selected Detroit neighborhoods.

SouthWest Organizing Project (2010 grant)
Albuquerque, N.M.

\$160,000 / For more than 30 years, the organization has empowered vulnerable communities to reduce air pollution and participate more fully in decision-making. This three-year, \$750,000 grant allows the organization to spearhead a statewide campaign to strengthen New Mexico's air-quality regulations as a first step toward decreasing toxic air emissions.

St. John's Well Child and Family Center Inc.
Los Angeles

\$250,000 / The independent community health center works to eliminate health disparities and foster community well-being by providing and promoting the highest quality care through a network of 10 Federally Qualified Health Centers and school-based clinics in Central and South Los Angeles and the city of Compton. St. John's is using this three-year, \$750,000 grant to implement a comprehensive, community-based strategy as part of Kresge's Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative.

Tides Foundation (2010 grant)
San Francisco

\$500,000 / The foundation acts as the fiscal agent for the Convergence Partnership for Healthy Eating and Active Living, a major collaboration of leading national health foundations that drives policy and environmental changes which address disparities and promote healthy people in healthy places. This two-year, \$1 million grant for membership supports the partnership and advances its work.

Trust for America's Health
Washington

\$250,000 / The nonpartisan organization is dedicated to saving lives by protecting the health of every community and elevating disease prevention to a national priority. A two-year, \$500,000 grant funds the second stage of a project engaging health care and public-health stakeholders in crafting a model to integrate population health and community disease prevention into reforming the health care system.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (2010 grant)
Baltimore

\$250,000 / The liberal-arts honors university is home to the Hilltop Institute, a nationally recognized research center dedicated to improving the health and social outcomes of vulnerable populations. Supported by this three-year, \$750,000 grant, the institute is establishing a Hospital Community Benefit Program to research best practices for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of community-benefit activities performed by tax-exempt hospitals.

University of Michigan (2011 grant)
Ann Arbor, Mich.

\$270,000 / Michigan is the nation's leading university for research spending, which currently totals \$1.27 billion. This three-year, \$865,000 grant funds a multistate study of high air-toxics exposure on school sites where minority children are concentrated and fosters better state and national standards for the future placement of schools.

University of South Carolina (2010 grant)
Columbia, S.C.

\$212,500 / Founded in 1801, the state's flagship university serves 41,000 students on eight campuses. Assisted by this three-year, \$650,000 grant, an interdisciplinary research team spearheaded by the School of Social Work is engaging residents of the Waverly public-housing community in a collaborative project to develop and implement interventions that contribute to a safer neighborhood environment.

University of Washington (2011 grant)
Seattle

\$85,000 / The Pacific Northwest's largest public research university houses the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. Supported by this two-year, \$385,000 grant, the department's researchers are collaborating with coalition leader Puget Sound Sage on community-based participatory research investigating the health impacts from diesel-freight-related pollution on neighborhood residents living near the Port of Seattle.

Virginia Organizing Inc.
Charlottesville, Va.

\$130,000 / The statewide grassroots organization is dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives. The Health and Environmental Funders Network, based in Bethesda, Md., operates as a joint plan of work with Virginia Organizing and is using this three-year, \$190,000 grant to improve its capability to engage, track and provide services to foundations focused on environmental health and justice programs.

Virginia Organizing Inc.
Charlottesville, Va.

\$300,000 / The grassroots organization is dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives. This three-year joint grant from our Health Program and Environment Program enables the group's Environmental Health Sciences project to expand its media coverage of environmental-health and climate change stories with the aim of increasing public understanding of the issues and demand for policy solutions.

Washtenaw County Public Health (2010 grant)
Ypsilanti, Mich.

\$147,000 / Serving 348,000 residents in southeastern Michigan, the agency has piloted its Prescription for Health program in four Ypsilanti health clinics to provide low-income clients with nutrition instructions and tokens for purchasing fresh produce at a local farmers' market. Kresge's two-year, \$294,000 grant is being used to expand the pilot program to four additional health clinics over the next two years.

Wayne State University (2011 grant)
Detroit

\$250,000 / The university has a long history of community outreach, education of health care workers and care delivery to vulnerable populations. A three-year, \$750,000 grant supports the Wayne State School of Medicine and College of Nursing in establishing and spearheading the Michigan Great Lakes Area Health Education Centers, an initiative to build a cohort of diverse health care professionals and to improve primary-care access in underserved areas of the state.

Wayne State University (2011 grant)
Detroit

\$99,455 / The university has a long history of community outreach, education of health care workers and care delivery to vulnerable populations. This three-year, \$675,000 grant enables the university's Center for Urban Studies to adapt and expand its Lead Housing Database for use in our Advancing Safe and Healthy Housing initiative, which broadens its childhood lead-abatement effort into a comprehensive healthy-housing approach.

West Harlem Environmental Action Inc.
New York

\$200,000 / The nonprofit advocacy organization, also known as WE ACT, works to improve environmental quality and to secure environmental justice in predominately African American and Latino communities. Grant assistance enables WE ACT to address multiple issues, such as childhood obesity, lead poisoning in homes and exposure to diesel pollution, and to continue its outreach and education within the largely minority communities in West Harlem.

Wholesome Wave Foundation Charitable Ventures Inc. (2011 grant)
Bridgeport, Conn.

\$250,000 / The foundation works to improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations by increasing access to fresh, locally grown food and bolstering revenues for family farmers on a national level. This two-year, \$500,000 grant enables Wholesome Wave and its partners to evaluate healthy-food incentive programs and build a case for supporting and nationally replicating these initiatives.

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (2011 grant)
Little Rock, Ark.

\$250,000 / Winrock International works with people in the United States and around the world to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity and sustain natural resources. A three-year, \$750,000 grant supports a pilot project to establish three model food hubs, which connect small and midsize farmers to retail markets and increase access to fresh, healthy food for underserved communities.

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association
Madison, Wis.

\$250,000 / The association advances the efforts of Wisconsin Community Health Centers to provide access to comprehensive, community-oriented primary care services. A three-year, \$583,000 grant provides funding to implement the Strengthen, Transform, Adapt and Replicate, or STAR, initiative in the state's Federally Qualified Health Centers, as part of an effort to build innovative, scalable, sustainable facilities that can adapt to a rapidly changing environment.

World Hunger Year Inc. (2010 grant)
New York

\$205,000 / The organization, also known as WhyHunger, is a leading advocate for community-based solutions to alleviate hunger and poverty, and operates a variety of national programs to increase the availability of affordable healthy food. This two-year, \$410,000 grant is being used to help regional coalitions in southeastern Arizona and the Mississippi Delta implement plans to eliminate "food deserts," and to expand this model to other areas.

Liberty Hill Foundation
Santa Monica, CA
\$250,000



The Liberty Hill Foundation addresses poverty, youth violence, education reform and environmental justice while coordinating efforts to affect public policy. A 2012 grant supports the final phase of a collaborative project to implement new zoning reforms that reduce pollution exposure and health risks while creating green enterprises in low-income neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

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Yale University (2010 grant)
New Haven, Conn.

\$250,000 / The private university is a wellspring of research centers and programs, including the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement, which is leading a citywide approach to improve the health of New Haven residents by developing programs and policies related to chronic-disease risks. A three-year, \$750,000 grant is being used to identify, evaluate and implement effective health-intervention models.

Safety Net Enhancement Initiative

This grant opportunity seeks to foster new models of health-care delivery among local and regional providers in order to reduce health disparities and improve the health outcomes of adults and children living in underserved communities.

In December 2010, eight public-health agencies and community organizations were awarded \$750,000 each to support demonstration projects. The combined \$6 million was awarded over three years, and the third and final portion of the grant was paid in 2012. The projects will be evaluated for their effectiveness in reducing health disparities.

Alameda County Public Health Department
Oakland, Calif.

The department, which designs and delivers community health services and programs, serves as the lead agency for Food to Families, an initiative aimed at reducing the risk of obesity, improving access to healthy foods and fostering community activities that support the health of African American and Latina pregnant women.

Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services Inc.
Ridgeland, S.C.

The health center, which has provided services to medically underinsured communities for nearly 40 years, is partnering on a model project to develop a community-based leadership organization responsible for ensuring that comprehensive health and fitness services are available to vulnerable residents of Sheldon Township.

Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland

The Cleveland Clinic is an academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Assisted by this grant, the clinic is developing the East Cleveland Teen Collaborative as a demonstration project designed to improve the health behaviors and outcomes of at-risk youth and encourage their positive engagement in the East Cleveland community.

Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services
Honolulu

The health and social-services agency serves Asians, Pacific Islanders and other immigrants living in Kalihi Valley. This grant supports the demonstration phase of the Return to Our Roots project, which is designed to address the mental-health issues affecting the health of low-income, foreign-born residents facing language and cultural-transition challenges.

North Country Healthcare Inc.
Flagstaff, Ariz.

One-third of North Country's patients are uninsured working poor, making it an important provider of full-spectrum medical and dental services to underserved residents in nine rural communities. Funding from this grant supports the Hermosa Vida project, a collaborative initiative to provide low-income children with access to health information, fitness programs, nutrition counseling and healthy lifestyle supports.

Taos Health Systems Inc. Holy Cross Hospital
Taos, N.M.

The health-care organization operates Holy Cross Hospital and provides health-care services to residents of ethnically diverse communities in the state's north-central region. With this grant, Taos Health Systems is spearheading implementation of La Jicarita Family Health Initiative, a demonstration project focused on building a community-based system and infrastructure to improve the health and well-being of children.

Voices Of Detroit Initiative
Detroit

The community health collaborative works to improve health services for medically underserved populations by coordinating the efforts of local health systems, public-health agencies, community health centers and grassroots organizations. This grant supports the rollout of a Healthy Living Mall model designed to reduce the incidence of diabetes and hypertension among seniors living on a residential-housing campus.

Whittier Street Health Center Committee Inc.
Roxbury, Mass.

As a primary provider of clinical and social services for 14,000 clients, the health center has led a partnership of agencies, academics and community organizations in developing the Building Vibrant Communities project to address high rates of hypertension and depression among residents in Boston public-housing developments.