Health

**ACADEMYHEALTH**

The national health research and policy organization brings stakeholders together to address the current and future needs of an evolving health system, inform health policy and translate evidence into action. This grant provides additional funding to conduct the inaugural 2014 Population Health Scholars program and offer training to 15 scholars.

**AIR ALLIANCE HOUSTON**

The region’s leading clean-air advocacy organization seeks to influence public policy on air quality and environmental health 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 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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

**ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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 initiative in promoting healthy housing and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations through on-site interventions, policy development and code enforcement.

**BEAUFORT-JASPER-HAMPTON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES INC.**

The center has provided health services to medically underserved communities for nearly 40 years, and is partnering on a model project to develop a community-based leadership organization. Funding supports the advancement of the leadership organization, which aims to ensure that comprehensive health and fitness services are available to vulnerable residents of Sheldon Township.

**CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE INC.**

The legal and political advocacy organization works to improve living and working conditions for California’s farmworkers, migrant laborers and low-income rural residents through community outreach, educational training and direct free legal assistance. It is using a three-year, $450,000 grant to increase the availability of safe, affordable, healthy housing and to support changes in local housing and land-use policies that produce better health outcomes for the rural poor.

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Wholesome Wave Foundation Charitable Ventures in Bridgeport, Conn., works with partners to develop and implement healthy-food incentive programs for low-income individuals receiving federal nutrition assistance or prescriptions from their physicians so they can purchase affordable, locally grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets.

Kresge funding over the years has helped develop and scale Wholesome Wave’s Double Value Coupon Program, which works to improve revenue for family farmers nationally by establishing farmers markets in inner cities.

The most recent $500,000 grant makes it possible for Wholesome Wave to partner with Fair Food Network, another Kresge grantee, to create the nutrition incentive program that will be used to deploy a feature of the 2014 Farm Bill: the $100 million Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive program. Together the organizations will help the U.S. Department of Agriculture shape the program to increase access for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients to healthy foods, pilot the program in two cities and identify and share lessons learned.

Why It Matters

- 23.5 million Americans live in food deserts – areas without ready access to healthy and affordable food – and more than half of those, 13.5 million, have low incomes.
- One in four African American families lacks consistent access to adequate food, compared to 11 percent of Caucasian households in the U.S.
- Social and economic factors, such as access to healthy food, account for as much as 40 percent of the variance in health outcomes for Americans.
Grants Awarded

54 Grants Made
of foundation’s 408 total

Amount of Grants Awarded

$14.2 Million
of foundation’s $242.5 million total *

Amount of Grants Paid Out During Year

$20.2 Million
paid out on 2014 and prior-years’ grants

Inner-city residents and family farmers in Providence, R. I., benefit from efforts by Wholesome Wave Foundation Charitable Ventures to promote access to healthy food. Photos courtesy Wholesome Wave.

* Includes $100 million for the Foundation for Detroit’s Future, the fund created to help resolve Detroit’s bankruptcy; see Letter From the President.
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chronic diseases.

JUST CAUSE

CAPITAL LINK INC.
The national organization provides advisory and lending services to nonprofit
community health centers seeking to finance capital projects that expand
community-based health care. This grant covers the cost of contract
consulting work to explore new sources of capital.

CAUSA JUSTA:

CAPITAL LINK INC.

CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

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.

CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND

Co-founded in 1987 by singer/songwriter Paul Simon and Dr. Irwin Redlener, the organization provides health care to the nation’s most medically
under-served children through primary care programs, policy advocacy, public
education and support for a national pediatric-program network. A three-year, $600,000 grant advances the fund’s efforts to make health transportation resources available to low-income children and families for visits to medical
dental clinics.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The center focuses on community organizing and advocacy in California’s Inland Empire, a region east of Los Angeles that is affected by pollution from
heavy freight traffic, transshipping facilities and warehousing areas. It is using grant money to communicate recent research findings and to implement policy recommendations aimed at reducing the health impacts of goods movement systems on San Bernardino residents.

CENTER FOR HEALTH DESIGN INC.
The center was founded on the premise that design can be used to improve patient outcomes in health care environments. This two-year, $364,231 grant
supports work to help health care organizations and real estate developers design or improve built environments to increase patient access
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CHILDREN AT RISK

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store access in four low-income neighborhoods in Houston, as well as efforts to develop local healthy food financing initiatives and influence state and
regional policies that affect access to healthy foods.

CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

2012 Washington, D.C.

$100,000

CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND

2013 New York, N.Y.

$200,000

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Jurupa Valley, Calif.

$125,000

CENTER FOR HEALTH DESIGN INC.

Concord, Calif.

$182,116

CHILDREN AT RISK

Houston, Texas

$90,000

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The university is home to the National Medical Legal Partnership, a consulting group that offers financial management advice and capacity-building services to nonprofit organizations and foundations. It is using this grant to provide project management support and technical assistance to the Indiana Primary Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, which are implementing the Strengthen, Transform, Adapt and Replicate initiative to underwrite selected community health centers.

**FISCAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES**

**2012**

- New York, N.Y.
  - $46,500

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**FENTON COMMUNICATIONS**

**2012**

- Washington, D.C.
  - $200,000

The social-change communications agency serves nonprofits, foundations and companies seeking to impact behavior, advance policy, build communities and transform thinking. Through this two-year, $600,000 grant, Fenton is creating media campaigns for the Moving Forward Network, a coalition of environmental-justice organizations focusing on ports, that focus attention on the harmful effects of freight transport on vulnerable communities around major port and transportation facilities.

**THE FOOD TRUST**

**2012**

  - $150,000

The Food Trust works with key stakeholders to develop programs that ensure residents of low-income Philadelphia neighborhoods have access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. This grant supports an assessment and planning process for expansion of the Trust’s Healthy Corner Store initiative into a model national program and the launch of pilots in three additional cities.

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.**

**2012**

- Atlanta, Ga.
  - $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 that 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 Health Model, an innovative community health partnership approach that connects at-risk individuals to health and social services.

**GLOBAL COMMUNITY MONITOR**

**2012**

- 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**

**2012**

- Washington, D.C.
  - $65,375

The educational organization serves as a resource center for grantmakers and others seeking expertise and information on the field of health philanthropy. Assistance from a two-year, $150,755 grant enables Grantmakers to develop programming, materials and initiatives that unite traditional and non-traditional health funders in collaborative efforts to improve health.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**2012**

- Washington, D.C.
  - $58,344

The university is home to the National Medical Legal Partnership, a nonpartisan organization that offers federal health policymakers high-level, unbiased information and analysis on key health policy issues. Funding allows partnership to convene federal and Tribal representatives and other stakeholders in New Mexico to plan the expansion of medical-legal partnerships.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**2012**

- Washington, D.C.
  - $150,000

The university operates the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, which works to address legal and other normative issues that negatively affect the health of low-income families with children. This multiyear, $600,000 grant supports a convening in New Mexico tribal country as part of the NCMLP’s efforts to expand its programs across the U.S.

**GREENSBORO HOUSING COALITION INC.**

**2012**

- 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 firmer 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 our Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative.

**HEALTH LEADS INC.**

**2013**

- Boston, Mass.
  - $150,000

Through its innovative model, Health Leads enables health care providers to prescribe basic resources that impact health, such as nutritious food and home heating, and then refer patients to its program, where specially trained advocates can connect them with those healthy resources. The organization is using this two-year, $500,000 grant to build the business case for addressing patients’ social needs within a health care setting and providing services that link clinical health care with community health.

**HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND**

**2013**

- Baltimore, Md.
  - $149,323

The agency strengthens Maryland’s health care-delivery system by helping residents enroll in public health care coverage, navigate the health care system and connect to resources. This grant supports the launch of Re-inventing Public Health: Leadership in Action Network, an initiative to build the skills and competencies of local public health leaders to advance and transform systems that support population health and health equity.

**HEALTHY BUILDING NETWORK**

**2013**

- Washington, D.C.
  - $35,000

The organization seeks to transform the market for building materials to advance the best environmental, health and social outcomes. A grant funds the establishment of the Affordable Housing Healthy Building Roundtable pilot program to expand the use of healthy building materials in New York City’s affordable housing market and reduce residents’ exposure to lead, chemicals and asbestos in building products.

**HOUSING PARTNERSHIP NETWORK INC.**

**2013**

- Boston, Mass.
  - $52,460

The peer network and business alliance of 99 nonprofit housing developers and lenders in more than 30 states seeks to build affordable housing that uplifts low- and moderate-income residents and contributes to more vibrant communities. Under this two-year, $100,000 grant, the network is managing a range of duties associated with the loan-application and finalist-selection process of the BUILD Health Challenge, which provides funding for 14 place-based initiatives, anchored by local hospitals, health departments and community-based organizations, that improve population health in low-income neighborhoods.

**HUMAN IMPACT PARTNERS**

**2012**

- Oakland, Calif.
  - $200,591

The lender and real estate consultant is dedicated to strengthening nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve. Through this two-year, $377,000 grant, IFF is partnering with Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey, Ill., to create new housing and economic opportunities for working-class residents that help to improve community health.

**INDIANA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION**

**2012**

- Indianapolis, Ind.
  - $177,000

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 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 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

**2013**

- Oakland, Calif.
  - $200,000

The institute facilitates the sharing of knowledge and resources among schools, businesses, universities and communities to solve communities’ most pressing social problems. Through this two-year, $400,000 grant, the institute is implementing and evaluating Streetworks, a Web-enabled civic engagement platform that increases the impact of advocacy groups working to reduce pollution from freight traffic and to advance healthy, sustainable development.
The national organization mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic The health and social services agency serves Asians, Pacific Islanders and The community-based organization provides child care, youth programming, efficient communities. Funding allows up to 55 leaders from the nation’s port community leaders who are working to create healthy, walkable and resource- This three-year, $500,000 grant enables the foundation to test messaging As a leading social-change institution, the foundation has addressed poverty, This grant supports the development and advancement of the “Return to Our Roots” project, designed to address the mental health issues impacting the health of low-income, foreign-born residents facing language and cultural transition challenges. As a social change institution, the foundation has addressed poverty, youth violence, education reform and environmental justice while coordinating efforts to impact public policy. The funding supports the implementation 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. The nonprofit 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 55 leaders from the nation’s port communities and social and environmental justice advocates, to participate in the 2015 Moving Forward Network conference meeting and the 14th annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Baltimore. The national organization mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide local community development organizations with funding and Technical assistance to transform disadvantaged neighborhoods into healthy, sustainable communities of choice and opportunity. The three-year, $45 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. The national organization 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 academy 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. The consortium advances nurse-led health care through policy, consultation, programs and applied research in order to reduce health disparities and meet patients’ primary-care and wellness needs. A three-year, $601,200 grant benefits the consortium’s 203- clinic network by scaling medical-legal partnerships, which improve health outcomes for low-income patients by integrating attorneys into health care teams to address health-related legal needs.
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.

The 5,000-member physician and health advocate organization informs the medical community and policy makers, promotes safer practices and elevates the role of community-based organizations as part of its efforts to protect public health from nuclear threats and environmental toxins. Grant money supports a project to broaden the scope of a regional Air Quality Management Plan to include measures aimed at reducing freight-generated diesel pollution at port and transshipment areas in southern California.

The organization sends trained, full-time program coordinators into low-income schools to transform recess and play into a positive experience that helps youngsters and teachers get the most out of learning opportunities. The institute addresses the primary causes of health disparities in low-income communities. It is using this grant to identify and advance effective models for improving population health in low-income neighborhoods.

This funding supports Playworks’ national expansion campaign and scaling of its innovative program.

The private liberal arts college serves a diverse student body on an urban campus. This two-year, $1 million grant enables the Moving Forward Network, a consortium led by the college’s Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, to launch a two-year national campaign to reduce diesel pollution at major U.S. ports and freight facilities by advancing and implementing zero-emissions policies and technologies.

The full-service medical, dental and behavioral health center traditionally serves residents in and around St. Paul’s North End. This legacy challenge grant is being used to renovate a building purchased for use as the North End Clinic, providing additional space and increasing the capacity to serve more patients.

The initiative addresses the primary causes of health disparities in low-income communities. It is using this grant to identify and advance effective models for achieving better community health outcomes at lower costs.

The institute addresses the primary causes of health disparities in low-income communities. It is using this grant to oversee planning, implementation, technical assistance and awareness activities for the BUILD Health Challenge, which provides funding for 14 place-based initiatives, anchored by local hospitals, health departments and community-based organizations, that improve population health in low-income neighborhoods.

As part of its mission to achieve sustainable advances in health care around the world by implementing health education programs and providing humanitarian assistance in areas of need, Project HOPE publishes the health policy journal Health Affairs to inform key policymakers about important topics. This grant funds the spring 2015 publication of a special issue of the journal dedicated to community development and health, and supports a briefing for policymakers in Washington to highlight the journal’s findings.

The public research university is dedicated to the creation, dissemination, preservation and application of knowledge for the betterment of the global society. Through a three-year, $2.25 million grant, the UCLA Center for Healthier Children and Nemours Health & Prevention Services is being used to renovate a building purchased for use as the North End Clinic, providing additional space and increasing the capacity to serve more patients.
GRANTS — HEALTH

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY LOAN FUND
North Charleston, S.C.
$325,000

The financing institution, formerly the Lowcountry Housing Trust, supports the development of vibrant, sustainable communities by providing loans, technical assistance and advocacy for affordable housing, healthy food retail and community facilities and businesses. This two-year, $450,000 grant enables the loan fund to accelerate and expand its healthy food financing investments and activities.

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION
Detroit, Mich.
$409,871

The association is a consortium of health officers who direct local health departments in southeastern Michigan and has proven to be highly effective in facilitating the delivery of health services throughout the area. Supported by this four-year $1.42 million grant, the association is serving as the national program office for our Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative, which broadens its childhood lead-abatement effort into a comprehensive healthy-housing approach.

ST. JOHN’S WELL CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER INC.
Los Angeles, Calif.
$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 30 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 our Advancing Safe and Healthy Homes Initiative.

TAOS HEALTH SYSTEMS INC.
Taos, N.M.
$150,000

The organization operates Holy Cross Hospital and provides health care services to residents of ethnically diverse communities in the state’s north-central region. Funding supports Taos Health Systems’ implementation and advancement of the “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, as part of the SafetyNet Enhancement Initiative, a cohort of eight communities around the country addressing health disparities through multi-sector collaboration.

TRUSTEES OF TUFTS COLLEGE
Medford, Mass.
$225,000

The internationally renowned research university emphasizes active collaboration and public service in an academic environment. With this three-year, $675,000 grant, Tufts is coordinating a multidisciplinary partnership focused on reducing air-pollution exposure for low-income populations in Boston’s Chinatown and the city of Somerville by redesigning multi-family housing and instituting health-protective multisectoral policies.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco, Calif.
$155,000

The university anchors the Program for Reproductive Health and the Environment, which conducts research and leverages scientific findings to advance clinical care and health policies that prevent exposure to harmful chemicals and create a healthier environment. This three-year, $750,000 grant extends funding for the Health the Decision Makers science and policy training program and supports fellowship opportunities for participants.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Ann Arbor, Mich.
$200,000

The university’s Center for Law, Ethics and Health researches the influence of tax and ethics on health care and public health systems. Funding supports a strategic analysis and design of a program by the center to help local health departments in Michigan adapt to changes and develop public health efforts in the context of health care reform.

THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY
Los Angeles, Calif.
$90,000

Housed at the university’s Keck School of Medicine, the Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center funds research to relate environmental and public health impacts. This two-year, $180,000 grant enables the Community Outreach and Engagement Program to educate the public and policymakers about the health effects of diesel pollution and promotes methods to ensure decision-making on transportation infrastructure and global trade leads to cleaner air and improved health in low-income communities.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
Richmond, Va.
$110,000

The public research university anchors the Center on Society and Health. This research center (using this grant to study and support the incorporation of innovative public health practices into the planning phase for a mixed-income housing redevelopment project) is the policy.

VIRGINIA ORGANIZING INC.
Charlottesville, Va.
$83,150

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 Justice network, based in Richmond, Md., operates as a joint plan of work of Virginia Organizing and is using this three-year, $190,000 grant to improve its capability to engage, track and provide resources to foundations focused on environmental health and justice.

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$100,000

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 grant, three-year, $300,000 grant from our Health and Environment programs 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.
The nonprofit advocacy organization, also known as “WE ACT,” works to improve environmental quality and to secure environmental justice in predominantly African American and Latino communities. Through this two-year, $500,000 grant, WE ACT is mobilizing a citywide campaign to improve conditions and code enforcement in public and subsidized housing, as part of an effort to foster better health for New York City residents living in substandard apartments and homes.

The health center has led a partnership of agencies, academics and community organizations in developing the “Building Vibrant Communities” project. This grant supports the project’s work and expansion of its program model to address high rates of hypertension and depression among residents in Boston public-housing developments.

The community-health collaborative works to improve 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 and replication of a “Healthy Living Mall” model designed to reduce the incidence of diabetes and hypertension among seniors living on a residential-housing campus.

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. This two-year, $266,357 grant is being used to finalize, evaluate and advance the program model and enhance its sustainability.

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.

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. Through this grant, Wholesome Wave is partnering with the Fair Food Network to ensure the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program incentives included in the 2014 Farm Bill are successfully implemented, and to pilot and evaluate a model of an optimal nutrition incentive program in two communities that is designed to improve access to affordable healthy food for low-income Americans and stimulate local economic growth.