

ENVIRONMENT

ALBEMARLE HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Charlottesville, Virginia

\$ 50,000

Low-income residents of Albemarle County and Charlottesville receive assistance in acquiring and maintaining homes from this nonprofit housing and community-development organization, which is dedicated to the belief that all individuals should have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing. Through grant funding, the program will cover the planning costs associated with designing an environmentally sustainable building.

AMERICAN THEATER COMPANY

Chicago, Illinois

\$ 46,000

This Chicago-based theatrical ensemble is committed to producing new and classic American stories that convey ideas about what it means to be an American, and to providing a nurturing environment for artists as well as an intimate home for the community to experience meaningful creative works. The company will use grant funding to meet the planning costs involved in creating an environmentally sustainable design for a new building.

BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Reading, Pennsylvania

\$ 65,000

Established in 1994, the foundation helps people find the best way to make charitable gifts to improve the quality of life in the Berks County community, and manages more than 300 different funds, each with a specific purpose determined by the original donor. Grant monies will go toward the costs associated with designing an environmentally sustainable building.

CASA OF MARYLAND INC.

Takoma Park, Maryland

\$ 65,000

Recognized as the largest Latino and immigrant organization in Maryland, CASA offers low-income women, workers and tenants various social-service and health-care programs, including employment placement, vocational training, financial literacy, Spanish literacy, legal assistance, health outreach and education, and operates three workers' centers. Grant monies will be used to fund the planning costs for a building with an environmentally sustainable design.

CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER

Roswell, Georgia

\$ 500,000

This 127-acre environmental-education center, 20 miles north of Atlanta, provides programming and learning opportunities in a natural setting for 35,000 students each year, as well as camp scholarships for at-risk minority youth. Its new environmentally friendly Discovery Center, featuring hands-on, minds-on exhibits, will advance understanding of the Chattahoochee River's natural and cultural history, and promote environmental stewardship.

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga, Tennessee

\$ 250,000

Operated through a public/private partnership, the Chattanooga Zoo not only supports ecological sustainability, animal bio-diversity and wildlife rehabilitation, but also provides training, employment and scholarships for qualified young minority individuals and substance-abuse agency clients. With this grant, the zoo will create new access through the park, and construct office, concessions, ticket, carousel and restroom facilities, as well as plant trees and develop green open space.

CLARETIAN ASSOCIATES INC.

Chicago, Illinois

\$ 45,000

Working collaboratively with community leaders, residents and organizations, Claretian Associates provides affordable housing and related services for low- and moderate-income people within the culturally diverse neighborhood of South Chicago, builds resident-based leadership, and serves as a catalyst in creating innovative solutions to community problems. This grant will support the planning costs associated with designing an environmentally sustainable building.

COLLEGE OF SANTA FE

Santa Fe, New Mexico

\$ 70,000

This small liberal-arts college takes a creative approach to music education, offering an undergraduate program in contemporary music, with strong emphasis on performance, composition, recording arts and technology, and world music, as well as an evening and weekend program for local working adults. This grant will go toward the planning costs involved in the design of a building with environmentally sustainable features.

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS INC.

Columbia, Maryland

\$ 1,500,000

Using a two-pronged private/public approach, Enterprise helps to build affordable housing nationwide by providing financing and expertise to developers while working extensively to strengthen public policy for affordable housing. This grant will enable Enterprise to expand the work piloted through its Green Communities Initiative and to achieve greater scale in promoting and developing affordable, environmentally sustainable housing projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CENTER

Chicago, Illinois

\$ 2,500,000

This leading public-interest, environmental-advocacy organization focuses on supporting clean-energy resources, protecting ecosystems and promoting efficient transportation and land-use approaches in the Midwest. Through grant support, the center will expand its regional operating scope and increase its expert staffing in an accelerated effort to advance the Midwest as the center of innovative technological and policy solutions on energy and global warming.

EVERGREEN

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

\$ 100,000

Founded in 1991, this Canadian nonprofit environmental organization motivates people to create and sustain healthy, natural outdoor spaces, and gives them the practical tools to be successful through its three core programs: Learning Grounds, Common Grounds and Home Grounds. With this grant, which will go toward planning costs, Evergreen will begin exploring the design for a building with environmentally sustainable features.

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

St. Johnsbury, Vermont

\$ 45,000

Established in 1889, this renowned natural-history museum houses a vast collection of scientific, historical and ethnological objects, as well as Vermont's only public planetarium, and adheres to the vision of founder Franklin Fairbanks who sought to inspire an appreciation and responsibility for man's place in the natural world. Grant monies will go toward the planning costs for designing an environmentally sustainable building.

FORT WAYNE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fort Wayne, Indiana

\$ 250,000

Since 1966, this group has supported the growth and development of the privately funded Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, which offers free educational programming and "mini grants" for area schools and day-camp scholarships for economically disadvantaged children. Grant funding will enable the zoo to renovate and expand its 28-acre African Veldt habitat while increasing accessibility to the exhibit for children and disabled visitors.

FUNDERS' NETWORK FOR SMART GROWTH AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Coral Gables, Florida

\$ 200,000

The Funders' Network brings together foundations, nonprofit groups and other partners to address environmental, social and economic problems caused by unbridled development, and to support organizations striving to improve communities through better growth policies. Grant monies will support an assessment of the resources needed to pilot and implement LEED-ND, a new program designed to encourage the creation of livable, environmentally friendly neighborhoods, and will cover certification fees for nonprofits participating in the LEED-ND pilot phase.

GLOBAL GREEN USA

Santa Monica, California

\$ 100,000

This organization was founded to create a new approach for solving the world's most pressing environmental challenges by reconnecting humanity to the environment through broad-based education programs, forward-looking initiatives and ground-breaking policy. The costs involved in designing a new building with environmentally sustainable features will be supported by grant funding.

homeWORD INC.

Missoula, Montana

\$ 75,000

Through assistance programs, counseling and community collaboration, this organization seeks to develop affordable housing designed to be energy-efficient, environmentally and economically sound, respectful of residents and the community-at-large, eminently replicable and empowering for low-income families. Grant funding will go toward the planning costs involved in designing an environmentally sustainable building.

INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

\$ 51,750

With four miles of trails through a 210-acre nature preserve containing woodlands, prairies, wetlands and riparian forests, this organization provides leadership-oriented environmental education for all ages in the great outdoors and in its interpretive center, a remodeled 1932 dairy barn. This grant will enable the center to begin exploring the design of a new facility with environmentally friendly features.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CAREER SERVICES

Atlanta, Georgia

\$ 70,000

This organization offers a continuum of adoption, youth, education, career, disabled and senior services designed to help Jewish and non-Jewish individuals, families and communities meet the challenges of daily life. This grant will support the planning costs associated with designing a building that will be environmentally sustainable.

MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Madison, Wisconsin

\$ 95,000

The museum's hands-on exhibits and programs are designed to inspire lifelong learning through play and celebrating children's imaginations, and its outreach efforts bring mobile exhibits and educational activities to youngsters and families with limited means, thereby reducing some of the barriers to participation. Through grant funding, the museum will begin making plans for the design of a building with environmentally sustainable features.

MERCY CORPS

Portland, Oregon

\$ 50,000

With global programs targeting 14.4 million people in more than 35 countries, Mercy Corps works amid disasters, conflicts, chronic poverty and instability to unleash the potential of individuals who must surmount nearly impossible odds. Grant funding will support the planning costs involved with the design of an environmentally sustainable building.

MIDDLE WAY HOUSE INC.

Bloomington, Indiana

\$ 60,000

This organization seeks to end violence in the lives of women and children through housing and economic-development programs, case-management and support groups, legal advocacy, personal-growth and life-skills development, training and employment and educational programs for children and youth. This grant will go toward the planning costs associated with creating a building design that supports environmental sustainability.

MID-OHIO FOODBANK

Columbus, Ohio

\$ 50,000

For more than 28 years, this organization, aided by numerous volunteers, financial supporters and industry partners, has been serving the needs of central Ohio's hungry families by providing food to more than 530 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other charities. This grant will help to cover the planning costs involved with creating an environmentally sustainable building.

NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN

Naples, Florida

\$ 60,000

Eight Naples residents founded the garden in 1993 with the vision of creating a world-class botanical garden for their community, and today it connects people and plants through workshops, tours, summer camps, after-school programs and volunteer activities. Assisted by grant funding, the organization will begin planning the design of an environmentally friendly building for the garden.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN IOWA

Des Moines, Iowa

\$ 500,000

The near total loss of the state's tall-grass prairie and the depletion of public-land acreage have compelled the Nature Conservancy in Iowa to partner with other stakeholders in acquiring small 50- to 300-acre parcels, which together will create a critical mass of preserved land. This grant will help the Iowa chapter purchase and preserve prairie tracts in Loess Hills, Little Sioux Valley and Grand River Grasslands.

OMEGA INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC STUDIES INC.

Rhinebeck, New York

\$ 77,000

Founded in 1977 on 195 acres in the Hudson Valley, Omega offers diverse, innovative educational experiences, designed to inspire an integrated approach to personal and social change, through its workshops, conferences and retreats in Rhinebeck and other locations around the world. With this grant, the institute will cover the planning costs involved with designing an environmentally sustainable building.

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

\$ 58,000

Serving as a center for horticulture education since 1935, the gardens provide visitors, including physically challenged individuals, with an opportunity to tour the jewel-like conservatory and to discover the beauty of plant life from exotic countries world-wide. Assisted by this grant, the gardens will embark on the planning phase for the design of a new building with environmentally sustainable features.

PRATT INSTITUTE

Brooklyn, New York

\$ 75,000

This highly regarded college of art and design maintains two urban campuses, one in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn, where it has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the needs of a transitioning neighborhood with socially, economically and racially diverse residents. Grant monies will enable the institute to begin planning for a new environmentally sustainable building near its 25-acre Brooklyn campus.

SPANISH SPEAKING UNITY COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

Oakland, California

\$ 50,000

The council provides leadership and community advocacy, social-services delivery, and economic development aimed at enriching the quality of life of families and children in the Fruitvale neighborhood, the city of Oakland, and Alameda County, and promotes leadership and enhanced social and economic opportunity for minorities in the community. This grant will be used for planning costs associated with the design of a facility with environmentally sustainable features.

TACOMA GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Tacoma, Washington

\$ 60,000

Tacoma Goodwill, which opened in 1921 as the 19th Goodwill operation in the United States, offers vocational programs for people with disabilities or disadvantages, funded through the proceeds from 20 stores, a packaging and assembly resource for businesses, an auto-detailing shop, and commercial custodial services across 15 counties. The organization will begin exploring an environmentally sustainable design for a new building with assistance from this grant.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII – WEST OAHU

Pearl City, Hawaii

\$ 100,000

Targeting the communities of West Oahu and other underserved parts of the state, the university offers degrees in liberal arts and professional studies for traditional and non-traditional students, as well as alternative-learning opportunities, such as instruction via computer and telecommunications, certificate programs, mentoring and individualized degree programs. Grant monies will go toward the planning costs involved in creating a design for a building with environmentally sustainable features.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$ 75,000

Built upon the principles and spirit of its founder, Benjamin Franklin, who advocated entrepreneurship, innovation, invention, outreach, and a pragmatic love of knowledge, the university is home to a diverse undergraduate student body of nearly 10,000, hailing from every state in the union and around the globe. Grant funding will enable the university to begin the planning phase for the design of a building that will be environmentally sustainable.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Laramie, Wyoming

\$ 65,000

The university is the state's only provider of baccalaureate and graduate education, research, and outreach services, and offers students more than 180 programs of study, an outstanding faculty and world-class research facilities. Grant funding will go toward the planning costs involved in the design of a building with environmentally sustainable features.

VIRGINIA AQUARIUM & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

Virginia Beach, Virginia

\$ 650,000

Interactive exhibits, research activities, conservation efforts and educational programs designed to create a pipeline of scientists among low-income and underserved youth make this center a leader in the region. Grant monies will be used to replace aging exhibits with habitats simulating ecosystems around the world while communicating a conservation-focused message about the need to protect and preserve natural treasures.

WEST END CULTURAL CENTRE

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

\$ 25,000

WECC is an intimate, all-ages performance space that presents both in-house and independent productions, including an after-school Concert Series, which enables youth to experience a live show in a real theatre, and a Workshop Series, which provides hands-on experience with professional instructors in dance, drums and musical theater. This grant will assist the organization with the planning costs associated with designing an environmentally sustainable building.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Salt Lake City, Utah

\$ 75,000

Founded in 1875, this independent liberal-arts college prepares its students for success by providing a strong foundation of liberal education combined with cutting-edge professional programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Grant funding will enable the college to enter the planning phase for a building design that supports environmental sustainability.

THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

\$ 1,000,000

As a national leader in animal conservation and environmental education, the Philadelphia Zoo hosts more than 1.2 million visitors annually, including at-risk, mostly minority high-school students who participate in its Junior Zoo Apprentice Program. This grant will support the transformation of a historic bird house into a new avian center with walk-through tropical and African-savanna habitats that meets the requirements for LEED certification.
