

## NONPROFIT SECTOR SUPPORT

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### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA

New York, New York

\$ 750,000

Like its global parent, Amnesty International, this New York-based national affiliate is dedicated to preventing and ending grave abuses of human rights, and to working on behalf of political prisoners. Given its extensive dependence upon online connectivity, this project to overhaul the organization's information-technology infrastructure and communications systems will greatly enhance its staff's ability to share information and mobilize activists quickly and effectively.

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### COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATIONS

Grand Haven, Michigan

\$ 150,000

As the sector association for more than 400 grantmakers in Michigan, the council provides networking, education, resources and advocacy to its members, and, over the past five years, has identified the need to build capacity and competency in diversity, inclusion and cultural competency. This grant will be used for the first-year implementation of its Transforming Philanthropy through Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.

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### COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS

Arlington, Virginia

\$ 400,000

This membership organization, comprising more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs world-wide, seeks to provide the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good. Grant monies will assist the council in moving its headquarters to larger, environmentally sustainable, lease-hold space, envisioned as the "front door to philanthropy," in the Crystal City area of Arlington, and to support the continuation of its international program and President's Leadership Fund.

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## GRANT MANAGERS NETWORK

Metairie, Louisiana

\$ 50,000

With 1,000 members representing 700 private, community and corporate foundations, the network is the lead agency in a consortium of eight national organizations that is creating standards for the entire spectrum of grantmaking practices. This grant will go to support the Foundation and Nonprofit Collaboration: Standards for Grantmaking Practices from Application through Reporting.

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## INDEPENDENT SECTOR

Washington, D.C.

\$ 250,000

This coalition of 600 national organizations, foundations and corporate grantmakers is committed to advancing the nonprofit sector by promoting effective policies and a supportive legislative environment, conducting research and analysis, fostering accountability, championing public-private collaborations, communicating the value of the sector and serving as a common meeting ground. Grant monies will support the second year of the organization's three major initiatives in communications, policy and ethics/accountability.

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## JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Baltimore, Maryland

\$ 750,000

The Center for Civil Society, a unit of the university's Institute of Policy Studies, conducts research and provides education, publications and training on topics of importance to the nonprofit sector. This grant will support the center's Listening Post project, which monitors the health of the nonprofit sector and determines how it is responding to major economic and policy changes, and the New Frontiers in Philanthropy project, a research effort to explore significant trends that are influencing the future of philanthropy.

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## NONPROFIT FINANCE FUND

New York, New York

\$ 2,000,000

As a leader in social-enterprise finance, NFF helps nonprofits strengthen their financial health and improve their capacity to serve their respective communities through an integrated package of financial and advisory services, including research and analysis, technical assistance and funding. This grant will enable the organization to expand its advisory services to enhance the business-planning skills of nonprofits and increase their access to financial markets.

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