

A photograph of a man in a light blue polo shirt and jeans, smiling as he uses a power drill on a wooden frame. He is in the foreground, and other people are visible in the background, also working on similar frames. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Community Development



Community Development: Grants

The Brookings Institution
Washington, D.C.
\$100,000

Brookings’ Metropolitan Policy Program focuses attention on the vital role cities play as engines of economic growth and global competitiveness. Kresge’s grant will support a national summit to examine the future of the nation’s automotive communities and discuss innovative public-private partnerships for jump-starting economic transformation in these areas.

**The Enterprise Center
Community Development
Corporation**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
\$300,000

The corporation was founded in 2001 by the Enterprise Center, a minority-business accelerator, to promote minority entrepreneurship and wealth creation through strategic investments, programs and initiatives in the Walnut Hill neighborhood of West Philadelphia. Funding will be used to complete the Center for Culinary Enterprises, a LEED-rated food-business incubator and community-health hub.

Family Housing Fund
Minneapolis, Minnesota
\$100,000

Created in 1980, the fund provides financial support for affordable rental housing and home-ownership opportunities in a seven-county metropolitan area, and collaborates with public and private institutions on solutions to complex housing problems. This grant will go toward the Twin Cities Land Bank, a fund subsidiary that leverages public and private dollars to achieve stabilization and redevelopment of foreclosure-impacted communities.

**The German Marshall Fund
of the United States**
Washington, D.C.
\$250,000

Founded in 1972 through a gift to the United States from Germany, the nonpartisan public-policy and grantmaking institution promotes greater cooperation and understanding between North America and Europe. Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant will enable U.S. leaders from cities including Detroit to participate in the Comparative Domestic Policy program. It will establish Detroit as a participating city in the Marshall Memorial Fellowship program.

Greyston Foundation Inc.
Yonkers, New York
\$200,000

Greyston is a recognized pioneer in social enterprise. It operates various entrepreneurial enterprises, including the for-profit Greyston bakery, to help low-income individuals achieve self-sufficiency. Kresge’s two-year, \$400,000 grant will buttress the bakery’s operations and allow for the enhancement of its workforce-development program.

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. This grant will sustain the operations of the network’s Gulf Coast Housing Partnership and strengthen its organizational capacity to serve vulnerable communities.

This innovative organization uses micro philanthropy in an online format to connect small-grant donors and volunteers with groups in need of funding to carry out neighborhood environmental projects in urban areas. This two-year, \$200,000 grant commitment will help the nonprofit build organizational capacity, test and evaluate a pilot program in New York City and prepare for a national roll-out.

The philanthropic, corporate and public-sector partnership was established to bring community-development opportunities and the financial power of mainstream markets to urban neighborhoods and residents. Kresge’s three-year, \$3,000,000 grant supports the work of Living Cities, especially through its Integration Initiative, a new program to foster models for systems reform and regional cooperation in distressed communities.

The national community-development and revitalization organization works through 30 local offices in 25 states to assist community-based organizations in accessing financial capital, expertise, and policy support to create affordable housing and commercial activity in the nation’s neighborhoods. Funding will support the expansion of its Building Sustainable Communities initiative in 20 cities and rural areas.

Established in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the nonprofit is rebuilding 150 affordable, green, storm-resistant homes in New Orleans’ devastated Lower Ninth Ward to help former residents resettle their neighborhood and rebuild their lives. Kresge’s grant will enable Make It Right to develop and refine a strategic plan to guide its future direction, governance and expansion.

Community leaders established the corporation in May 2006 to assist Vietnamese-American residents in rebuilding their New Orleans East neighborhood and creating jobs following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Funding will support a community planning process to develop Viet Village Urban Farm Sustainable Aquaculture Park, a land-based aquaculture industry and organic farm offering economic-development opportunities to the fishing-dependent community.

Over the past 15 years, the center has developed a critical mass of small businesses owned by community residents by providing business training and capital to 4,000 entrepreneurs, and nurturing start-ups at six business incubators. This two-year, \$400,000 grant will help renovate and support the year-round Midtown Global Market.

Chicago’s leading nonprofit housing-counseling agency has demonstrated leadership in combating the foreclosure crisis through its Home Ownership Preservation Initiative, a strategic partnership that has helped to prevent 3,045 foreclosures city-wide since 2003. With grant assistance, the organization will launch the Neighborhood Recovery Project as a model to address post-foreclosure issues in low-income neighborhoods.

Established after Hurricane Katrina, the resident-led corporation and its development partners are engaged in a neighborhood planning process to reconstruct 556 affordable, “beyond green” homes in the Pontchartrain Park community, a multigenerational African American enclave. Kresge’s two-year, \$450,000 grant will accelerate home construction and allow the corporation to meet its design-build aspirations for affordability and energy efficiency.

Serving 12 southern states, the public foundation provides financial resources, technical assistance, and training to rural communities and nonprofit organizations seeking social, economic, and environmental justice. Grant monies will bolster general operations, allowing the foundation to diversify its funding and improve the capacity of its member partners to help low-income communities affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**Housing Partnership
Network Inc.**
Boston, Massachusetts
\$100,000

In Our Backyards Inc.
Brooklyn, New York
\$150,000

**Living Cities Inc.: The
National Community
Development Initiative**
New York, New York
\$1,000,000

**Local Initiatives Support
Corporation**
New York, New York
\$750,000

Make It Right Foundation
New Orleans, Louisiana
\$150,000

**Mary Queen of Vietnam
Community Development
Corporation Inc.**
New Orleans, Louisiana
\$55,000

**Neighborhood
Development Center**
(2009 grant)
St. Paul, Minnesota
\$150,000

**Neighborhood Housing
Services of Chicago Inc.**
Chicago, Illinois
\$50,000

**Pontchartrain Park
Community Development
Corporation**
New Orleans, Louisiana
\$250,000

Southern Partners Fund Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia
\$100,000

Sustainable South Bronx
(2009 grant)
Bronx, New York
\$100,000

The organization is dedicated to achieving environmental justice through innovative and economically sustainable projects. Kresge’s three-year, \$300,000 grant will help launch the Fabrication Laboratory in South Bronx as a program to teach residents how to digitally design and fabricate products while fostering green innovation and entrepreneurship.

Urban Strategies Inc.
St. Louis, Missouri
\$800,000

Since 1978, the nonprofit corporation has revitalized distressed urban neighborhoods by helping communities build safe housing and good schools while providing comprehensive human services that enable low-income families to achieve social and economic upward mobility. Funding will support the redevelopment of the former C.J. Peete public housing complex as Harmony Oaks, a 510-unit rental and for-sale housing community featuring a learning campus, health suite and recreational facility.