

# Health





## Health: Grants

**Active Transportation Alliance** (2009 grant)  
Chicago, Illinois  
\$100,000

Active Transportation works with communities to make bicycling, walking and public transit attractive so that residents have environmentally and physically healthy alternatives to sedentary travel by automobile. Kresge’s three-year, \$300,000 grant supports Active Living on the Block, a project to help low-income neighborhoods create a healthy, safe and active built environment for recreation and physical activity.

**Adler School of Professional Psychology**  
Chicago, Illinois  
\$25,000

Established in 1952, the Adler School focuses on educating socially responsible mental-health practitioners, providing holistic services to underserved communities, and advancing social justice, primarily through its Institute on Social Exclusion. Funding will be used to present the institute’s professional conference *The Social Determinants of Mental Health: From Awareness to Action*.

**Adult Well-Being Services**  
Detroit, Michigan  
\$75,000

The senior center offers a continuum of services, such as advocacy, mental health and case management, to adults with severe mental illness and other disabilities, as well as caregivers and their families. Kresge’s two-year, \$150,000 grant will support a demonstration project designed to improve health outcomes for foster-care home residents with severe mental illness who suffer disproportionately from diet-related chronic diseases.

**Baltimore Medical System Inc.**  
Baltimore, Maryland  
\$60,000

The system serves more than 45,000 medically underserved patients through its six community-health centers and six school-based clinics. Kresge’s planning grant will enable Baltimore Medical to collaborate with key government and community agencies on developing a strategy for elevating the role of community health care in Maryland’s health-system reforms.

**Boston Medical Center** (2009 grant)  
Boston, Massachusetts  
\$150,000

The private, nonprofit academic medical center in Boston’s historic South End is New England’s largest safety-net hospital. Kresge’s two-year, \$500,000 grant enables the Medical Legal Partnership for Children program to expand and increase the sustainability of its National Center and affiliated programs, which utilizes legal aid to augment primary-care services to low-income children and their families.

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. This two-year, \$250,000 grant will fund a demonstration program to reduce toxic exposure to rail yard and truck diesel pollution in two low-income communities.

**Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice**  
Riverside, California  
\$125,000

The advocacy organization seeks to build healthy communities characterized by social justice, economic well-being and democratic governance. This two-year, \$400,000 grant advances efforts to establish federal, state and local guidelines and policies for schools aimed at ensuring healthy site selection, reducing nearby pollution and improving indoor air quality.

**Center for Health, Environment and Justice** (2009 grant)  
Falls Church, Virginia  
\$200,000

The center, a nationally recognized policy-analysis and advocacy organization focused on the upper Midwest and Great Plains, sponsors the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, an alliance of 80 grassroots farm, food and conservation groups. Kresge’s grant will help the alliance work through the federal Farm to School grant program to ensure that school cafeterias serve nutritious fresh food to low-income children.

**Center for Rural Affairs**  
Lyons, Nebraska  
\$50,000

Created in 1989, the nonprofit organization helps low-income, minority, grassroots groups in rural areas address the disproportionate burden of pollution and environmental health hazards. Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant will support 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.

**Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment**  
San Francisco, California  
\$250,000

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, \$150,000 grant enables the network to accelerate development of an action plan to address children’s vulnerabilities, reduce hazards, influence chemicals policy reform and advance protective action.

**Children’s Environmental Health Network** (2008 grant)  
Washington, D.C.  
\$50,000

The task force is working on the local, state, and federal levels to clean up pollution from dirty diesel engines and to reduce the health hazard it poses for vulnerable low-income populations and people of color. This three-year, \$1,900,000 grant increases staffing for field support and engagement at the federal level.

**Clean Air Task Force** (2008 grant)  
Boston, Massachusetts  
\$700,000

For more than 30 years, the nonprofit 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. Kresge’s three-year, \$225,000 grant will support several environmental-health-related programs, including the Collaborative on Health and the Environment, the Biomonitoring Resource Center, Cancer Help and the new Environmental Health Primary Prevention Training Program.

**Commonweal**  
Bollinas, California  
\$75,000

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 three-year, \$750,000 grant supports the 10-year Community Health and Clean Energy Campaign, which aims to reduce greenhouse gases, smog and toxic emissions throughout the state.

**Communities for a Better Environment** (2008 grant)  
Huntington Park, California  
\$250,000

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. Funding will enable seven community members to attend an Environmental Protection Agency symposium on incorporating environmental health and justice concerns into regulatory and policy decisions.

**Communities for a Better Environment**  
Huntington Park, California  
\$21,000

Launched in 1989 to redistribute excess food from the Presidential inauguration, the kitchen has grown into a central location for recovering, preparing and delivering reclaimed and surplus food to homeless shelters, transitional-housing programs and social-services agencies. Kresge’s grant will be used to complete a business and implementation plan for an expansion of the food commissary.

**DC Central Kitchen Inc.**  
Washington, D.C.  
\$25,000

**Detroit Wayne County Health Authority**  
Detroit, Michigan  
\$175,000

**Ecology Center Inc.**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
\$325,000

**Environmental Health Coalition**  
National City, California  
\$225,000

**Environmental Health Fund Inc.**  
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts  
\$250,000

**First Nations Development Institute**  
Longmont, Colorado  
\$250,000

**The George Washington University** (2009 grant)  
Washington, D.C.  
\$500,000

**Georgia State University**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
\$229,130

**Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice**  
San Francisco, California  
\$120,000

**Health Care Without Harm**  
(2008 grant)  
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts  
\$175,000

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
\$225,000

**Institute for Alternative Futures**  
Alexandria, Virginia  
\$270,000

Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm established the health authority in 2004 to improve the capacity of the region’s underfunded health-care infrastructure to serve the estimated 500,000 uninsured residents living in Detroit and Wayne County. Funding will help the agency coordinate the health-care community’s efforts to compete successfully for community health center funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

The center is a leading advocate for improving children’s environmental health. Kresge’s two-year, \$575,000 grant will allow the nonprofit to expand its work at the state and national levels to eliminate exposure to environmental hazards in homes, schools and neighborhoods, and to encourage the purchase of healthy, locally grown food by Michigan hospitals.

The coalition is a leader in advancing public policies and legal ordinances that protect public health and the environment from toxic pollution in southern California. Kresge’s three-year, \$675,000 grant will support 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.

Dedicated to eliminating toxic chemicals in the environment, the advocacy organization is participating in the Safer Chemicals Healthy Families Campaign to reform the outdated Toxic Substance Control Act. Kresge’s two-year, \$500,000 grant will strengthen efforts to ensure that new regulatory requirements fully address the manufacture and use of toxic chemicals based on scientific data and contemporary health and safety standards.

The Native American-run, economic-development organization empowers rural and reservation-based tribal communities to revitalize their communities and build strong economic underpinnings. Funding will support the launch of several Native American food-related businesses to increase the availability of healthy, locally produced foods and the development of small agriculture-related college course offerings.

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. Kresge’s two-year, \$900,000 grant advances the forum’s programming in the areas of health-insurance expansions and market reform, public health and safety-net institutions, and determinants of health and well-being.

The urban research university anchors the College of Law’s Center for Law, Health & Society, which operates the Health Law Partnership, a medical-legal collaborative that addresses the social, environmental and economic factors impacting the health of low-income and minority children. Funding will go toward extending public-health legal services to vulnerable youngsters served by Children’s Hospital at Hughes Spalding.

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

The environmental health-care coalition, comprising 450 organizations in 52 countries, has developed the Green Guide for Health Care, the industry’s first best-practices, green-building tool. This three-year, \$600,000 grant supports a multifaceted campaign to foster green building in facilities construction and renovation, and to promote green practices and products in health-care settings.

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. Funding will be used to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current food system and its impacts on people’s health and the physical environment.

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. Funding will enable the institute to focus on the future of primary care by creating forecasts for key factors, gathering expert opinions, holding workshops and developing alternative scenarios.

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. Funding will support a review and assessment of how community health centers address the social determinants of health, and lead to new forecasting models for leveraging these key factors in the future.

The 40-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 two-year, \$180,000 grant will support collaborative efforts to phase out dirty diesel trucks and bring a Clean Trucks policy to ports in New Jersey and New York.

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 will enable KaBOOM! to award 15 \$10,000 challenge grants toward the purchase of playground equipment for low-income communities.

As a leading social-change institution, the foundation has addressed poverty, youth violence, education reform and environmental justice while coordinating efforts to impact public policy. This two-year, \$500,000 grant will support the foundation’s leadership of a collaborative project to establish an environmental-health land-use policy for the Los Angeles area that will reduce pollution exposure and health risks while creating green enterprises.

Formed in 1999, Link Media owns and operates the nation-wide broadcast channel LinkTV and the Web site linktv.org, which provide a global perspective on international news, current events and diverse culture. Funding will enable a Link Media partner organization, YouthNoise, to develop a model for engaging youth as catalysts for social change around critical health issues.

LiveWell Colorado is a statewide public-private initiative that coordinates obesity-prevention programs in communities and schools, with the goal of increasing the number of people who lead active lives and have healthy diets. This \$1,000,000 grant over three years helps build, evaluate and scale up the community-based anti-obesity programming.

The alliance uses research, organizing, coalition-building, policy advocacy and communications to achieve its mission of transforming the economy and the environment. Kresge’s three-year, \$300,000 grant supports the implementation of a Clean Trucks Program at the Port of Long Beach to address port-traffic issues, alleviate air pollution and improve residents’ health.

The environmental health and justice organization works with communities, regulatory agencies and industry to reduce toxic pollution from oil refineries, chemical plants and other hazardous sites. This two-year, \$130,000 grant will support the Brigade’s Istrouma Health Partnership, which is conducting a cumulative health-impact assessment of toxic emissions in Istrouma, a vulnerable community located adjacent to a petrochemical complex.

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 will fund the implementation phase of the Orleans Neighborhood Health Implementation Plan to assist residents in building a sustainable community of healthy neighborhoods.

A recognized national leader in developing urban food markets, the social enterprise operates three farmers’ markets and several traveling market road shows that connect food producers with consumers. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 funding commitment will strengthen the organization’s infrastructure and increase it’s ability to support public markets and incentive programs around the country.

Residents in underserved Boston neighborhoods and adjacent suburbs receive comprehensive health services and community-based intervention programs through the health center. This challenge grant will be used for the construction of a new LEED-rated facility with expanded space for patient treatment and additional medical services.

**Institute for Alternative Futures**  
Alexandria, Virginia  
\$260,000

**Ironbound Community Corporation**  
Newark, New Jersey  
\$90,000

**KaBOOM!**  
Washington, D.C.  
\$100,000

**Liberty Hill Foundation**  
Santa Monica, California  
\$250,000

**Link Media Inc.**  
San Francisco, California  
\$250,000

**LiveWell Colorado**  
(2008 grant)  
Denver, Colorado  
\$350,000

**Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy** (2009 grant)  
Los Angeles, California  
\$100,000

**Louisiana Bucket Brigade**  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
\$90,000

**Louisiana Public Health Institute**  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
\$250,000

**Market Umbrella**  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
\$150,000

**Mattapan Community Health Center**  
Mattapan, Massachusetts  
\$500,000



**Media & Policy Center Foundation of California**  
Santa Monica, California  
\$250,000

The nonprofit media and marketing company has expanded its original two-hour PBS documentary and national outreach initiative to a four- or five-hour series exploring how communities are redesigning their built environments in health-conscious ways. This grant will support the additional production costs for the longer documentary, including a special segment on Detroit.

**Michigan Department of Community Health**  
(2008 grant)  
Lansing, Michigan  
\$27,000

The department is ramping up its Healthy Homes Program, a statewide initiative to eliminate lead poisoning that encompasses certification, training, education, compliance and community outreach. This multiyear grant for \$55,000 enables the agency to expand the current lead-training program offered in Detroit and reduce lead hazards in high-risk housing.

**Michigan Legal Services**  
(2009 grant)  
Detroit, Michigan  
\$50,000

The nonprofit legal-services organization is the fiscal sponsor for the Michigan Universal Health Care Access Network, which builds, strengthens and connects health-care-advocacy networks seeking to attain affordable, comprehensive health care for all Michigan residents. Kresge’s two-year, \$100,000 grant advances the development of a strategic business plan for expanding and mobilizing the network’s support base.

**Michigan Public Health Institute** (2008 grant)  
Okemos, Michigan  
\$250,000

The institute has been selected to manage Kresge’s comprehensive, collaborative initiative to eliminate or significantly reduce the incidence of lead poisoning in three target communities across the United States. This three-year, \$1,375,000 grant provides project support and assistance for the Getting-The-Lead-Out initiative as well as additional consultation on community-health initiatives.

**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
\$166,000

Morehouse School of Medicine, 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. The school has been awarded a three-year, \$500,000 grant to implement a community-driven, health-policy program designed to address and reduce health disparities in five low-income, underserved Fulton County communities.

**National Center for Healthy Housing Inc.**  
Columbia, Maryland  
\$250,000

The nonprofit corporation fosters healthy, safe homes for children by engaging in research, reporting, training and policy making on housing-related health issues. With Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant, the center will create 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.

**Ohio Environmental Council**  
Columbus, Ohio  
\$80,000

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

**Open Cities Health Center Inc.**  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
\$150,000

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

**Pesticide Action Network North America**  
(2009 grant)  
San Francisco, California  
\$165,000

The network anchors Californians for Pesticide Reform, a statewide coalition of 185 organizations dedicated to fostering state and local pesticide policies and practices that protect public health and reduce environmental toxins. Kresge’s two-year, \$340,000 grant bolsters the coalition’s two major campaigns, and advances its internal capacity-building and strategic-planning efforts.

**Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc.**  
(2009 grant)  
New York, New York  
\$220,000

As the nation’s leading sexual and reproductive health-care advocate and provider, Planned Parenthood supports 99 affiliates that operate 880 health centers serving five million individuals annually. With this two-year, \$440,000 grant, the organization implements the clinician/patient education segment of its new Environmental Health Education Project focused on reducing exposure to toxins.

**Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
\$370,000

The organization operated 27 clinics that provide reproductive-health and family planning services. The construction of a new LEED-rated headquarters, assisted by this challenge grant, will centralize and consolidate services and administration in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

The organization provides comprehensive reproductive health-care and prevention services at 17 health centers statewide, as well as community-education. This challenge grant will be used to renovate an existing facility in Champaign, improving access to services for low-income women.

Low-income and uninsured clients in rural areas receive comprehensive reproductive health services at 27 health-care centers operated by Northern New England’s largest Planned Parenthood affiliate. Kresge’s three-year, \$300,000 grant assists efforts to reduce patients’ exposure to contaminants in the health centers and to create a toolkit to guide other providers in detoxifying facilities.

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. This three-year, \$2,000,000 grant supports the national expansion of closely linked initiatives to address inequities in the built environment and food systems.

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 policy makers about important topics. This two-year, \$780,000 grant will support the journal’s first issue devoted to environmental-health policy.

The nationally focused public-health intermediary created the Center for Public Health and Climate Change to serve as a resource for public-health leaders who are concerned about the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations. Funding will enable the center to build its staffing, partnerships and tools for strengthening the public-health sector’s response to climate change.

The conservancy has helped communities develop more than 15,000 miles of open trails nationwide, affording urban dwellers greater access to green space and improved personal health. This three-year, \$975,000 grant supports a three-year effort to build urban trails in six major cities and to establish a National Learning Network for information sharing.

The foundation’s Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative is a partnership of environmental health and justice coalitions and other organizations working to reduce disproportionate air-pollution impacts on low-income and minority Bay-area populations. Kresge’s three-year, \$450,000 grant will enable the coalition to develop recommendations for pollution regulations and strengthen public participation in decision-making processes.

The health center provides free and reduced-cost ambulatory services to city residents. The renovation and expansion of a new health center, supported this challenge grant, will consolidate primary-care, cardiology, and administrative functions in one efficiently designed space.

More than 100 school-based and school-linked health centers across Michigan receive technical assistance and organizational support from this statewide agency. Kresge’s two-year, \$365,000 grant will allow 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.

The health center’s full spectrum of primary-care, dental, mental-health, legal, and education services fills a gap in access to care for residents in the Lancaster community. This challenge grant will support the renovation and expansion of its dental clinic to accommodate additional patients.

The association’s community-based program works to reduce the risk for childhood lead poisoning in Detroit through in-home lead testing and removal, information campaigns, training programs and legislative initiatives. This multiyear \$600,000 grant enables CLEARCorps to expand its monitoring of vulnerable families, accelerate lead-removal efforts and increase actions against repeat offenders.

**Planned Parenthood of Illinois**  
Chicago, Illinois  
\$250,000

**Planned Parenthood of Northern New England**  
(2009 grant)  
Williston, Vermont  
\$100,000

**PolicyLink** (2008 grant)  
Oakland, California  
\$375,000

**Project HOPE - The People-to-People Health Foundation Inc.**  
Millwood, Virginia  
\$680,000

**Public Health Institute**  
Oakland, California  
\$250,000

**Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**  
(2008 grant)  
Washington, D.C.  
\$325,000

**Rose Foundation**  
(2009 grant)  
San Francisco, California  
\$150,000

**St. Thomas Community Health Center Inc.**  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
\$250,000

**School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan**  
Lansing, Michigan  
\$180,000

**SouthEast Lancaster Health Services**  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
\$200,000

**Southeastern Michigan Health Association, CLEARCorps/Detroit**  
(2008 grant)  
Detroit, Michigan  
\$300,000

**Southeastern Michigan Health Association**

Detroit, Michigan  
\$70,192

The association’s community-based program works to reduce the risk for childhood lead poisoning in Detroit through in-home lead testing and removal, information campaigns, training programs and legislative initiatives. Funding will enable CLEARCorps to implement its Healthy Homes Detroit project, a combined hazards-reduction and community-education initiative, in Detroit’s Central Woodward/Northend neighborhood.

**Southeastern Michigan Health Association**

Detroit, Michigan  
\$300,000

The association’s community-based program works to reduce the risk for childhood lead poisoning in Detroit through in-home lead testing and removal, information campaigns, training programs and legislative initiatives. This funding continues Kresge’s support for the Get the Lead Out Initiative coordinated through the city of Detroit’s Department of Health & Wellness Promotion.

**SouthWest Organizing Project**

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
\$365,000

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

**Tides Center**

San Francisco, California  
\$100,000

The nonprofit social-change organization established the Global Community Monitor project in 2001 to train communities to use environmental-monitoring tools for identifying and addressing health-threatening industrial pollution. Funding will be used to extend the project’s work to five additional communities and to develop new community-based models for reducing exposure to airborne health hazards.

**TransForm**

Oakland, California  
\$100,000

Dedicated to fostering high-quality public transportation and safe, healthy communities, TransForm co-founded the Great Communities Collaborative in 2006 to maximize the environmental, health and social benefits of new development. With funding from this two-year, \$200,000 grant, the collaborative will deepen its work in key neighborhoods and help to implement development plans that support community health and well-being.

**University of California-San Francisco**

(2009 grant)  
San Francisco, California  
\$245,000

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, \$740,000 grant supports an innovative Reach the Decision Makers science and policy training program.

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

Baltimore, Maryland  
\$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 Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant, the institute will establish 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 School of Natural Resources and Environment**

(2008 grant)  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
\$180,000

The school seeks to protect the earth’s resources and to achieve a sustainable society through research, teaching, and outreach. This three-year, \$485,000 grant funds a study of Environmental Protection Agency data and Michigan schools to identify sites with high air-toxics exposure, inform stakeholders and develop better standards for the future placement of schools.

**University of Michigan School of Social Work**

Ann Arbor, Michigan  
\$150,000

The top-ranked research university anchors the School of Public Health, which is establishing a Center of Excellence in Public Health Workforce to address workforce-capacity issues within local public-health departments and community-based health organizations. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant will fund a pilot project in Detroit to build a skilled public-health workforce in maternal and child health and to improve the quality of related practice within community-based settings.

**University of South Carolina**

Columbia, South Carolina  
\$225,000

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 will engage residents of the Waverly public-housing community in a collaborative project to develop and implement interventions that contribute to a safer neighborhood environment.

Founded in 1801, the state’s flagship university serves 41,000 students on eight campuses. The institution has a long-standing partnership with the American Public Health Association, the world’s oldest and most-diverse organization of public-health professionals, and will use this funding to support the association’s annual conference.

Housed at the university’s Keck School of Medicine, the Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center spearheads research on traffic-related health impacts. Kresge’s three-year, \$950,000 grant helps fund the Trade, Health, and Environment Impact Project, a collaborative initiative to address the pollution effects of ports and goods movement on disadvantaged communities.

Based in northern Manhattan, 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. Supported by this two-year, \$450,000 grant, WE ACT and two partner organizations will spearhead the Safer Chemicals Healthy Families Campaign’s efforts to engage low-income communities and communities of color in reforming the Toxic Substance Control Act.

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 three-year, \$525,000 grant supports organizational infrastructure and nutrition-incentive programs for new and existing projects.

The Healthy Schools Program, a collaborative project of the foundation’s Alliance for a Healthier Generation, was launched across the nation’s most impoverished, minority-populated schools to address the childhood-obesity epidemic. This \$500,000 grant over three years implements the exercise and healthy-eating program at public and parochial schools in New Orleans.

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. Kresge’s three-year, \$750,000 grant will be used to identify, evaluate and implement effective health-intervention models.

**University of South Carolina**

Columbia, South Carolina  
\$90,000

**University of Southern California**

(2009 grant)  
Los Angeles, California  
\$300,000

**West Harlem Environmental Action Inc.**

New York, New York  
\$225,000

**Wholesome Wave Foundation Charitable Ventures Inc.**

(2009 grant)  
Westport, Connecticut  
\$175,000

**William J. Clinton Foundation**

(2008 grant)  
New York, New York  
\$200,000

**Yale University**

New Haven, Connecticut  
\$250,000



Health Clinic Opportunity Fund

The Health Clinic Opportunity Fund is designed to bridge, build and sustain the operations of high-performing community-health centers serving diverse and vulnerable populations. It targeted free clinics, public-health clinics and designated federally qualified health-center look-alikes to meet both the immediate and long-term health needs of their constituents. Priority was given to projects that leverage existing resources, create more effective operating systems, improve efficiencies and expand and maintain access to health services for vulnerable populations.

**Anderson Valley Health Center Inc.** (2009 grant)  
Boonville, California  
\$150,000

The center is the only medical-care provider for a majority of the disadvantaged residents living in Anderson Valley, an isolated agricultural area in Northern California. Faced with federal and state cutbacks, the center uses Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant as bridge funding to keep its medical services operational until additional funding streams can be developed.

**Arlington Free Clinic**  
Arlington, Virginia  
\$100,000

The clinic, which has been delivering free, comprehensive medical services to uninsured, low-income Arlington County residents since 1994, handled 10,000 patient visits and filled 15,000 prescriptions last year. This two-year, \$200,000 grant will be used to implement a multiyear medical transformation project designed to integrate new electronic systems that will expand patients’ access to high-quality care.

**Asian American Health Coalition of the Greater Houston Area** (2009 grant)  
Houston, Texas  
\$150,000

Culturally and linguistically competent health services are offered by the center to low-income, underserved Asians and other diverse populations living in southwest Houston, home to the nation’s fourth-largest Asian community. This two-year, \$300,000 grant supports the expansion of primary-care services to meet the rapidly growing demand for healthcare.

**Baker County Health Department** (2009 grant)  
MacClenny, Florida  
\$150,000

The department has seen a 30 percent increase in clients who lack insurance or the ability to pay for its primary-care and family-support services. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant will be used to expand the dental program and increase the days services are available, providing greater access to pediatric care for children.

**Brandywine Community Resource Council Inc.**  
Claymont, Delaware  
\$100,000

The center functions as a multipurpose human-services agency providing community-driven programs, including Claymont Family Health Services, which offers health-care treatment to uninsured and underinsured children and adults in New Castle County. Funding from this two-year, \$225,000 grant will enable the center to maintain its operations and expand its services to meet increased demand.

**Bread for the City Inc.** (2009 grant)  
Washington, D.C.  
\$150,000

The free clinic provides vulnerable residents with comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care and legal and social counseling. Strained by a 50 percent increase in patient visits in 2009, the clinic uses this two-year, \$300,000 grant to maintain its level of services, improve patient care and advance professional staff development.

**Caridad Center Inc.** (2009 grant)  
Boynton Beach, Florida  
\$100,000

Serving as the largest safety-net provider in Palm Beach County, Caridad’s Health Clinic offers medical, dental, educational-enrichment and community-outreach services to an ethnically and economically diverse population of uninsured and working-poor families. Kresge’s two-year, \$200,000 grant supports the clinic’s operating expenses and helps it meet the increased demand for services.

**Coastal Medical Access Project** (2009 grant)  
Brunswick, Georgia  
\$145,000

The free clinic acts as the only safety-net organization delivering primary care to 24,000 uninsured residents in a three-county region in coastal Georgia. This two-year, \$290,000 grant supports operating expenses, enabling the clinic to accommodate additional new patient visits and expand its services to meet increased demand.

**Community Health-In-Partnership Services** (2009 grant)  
St. Louis, Missouri  
\$150,000

The voluntary free clinic is the only one serving metro St. Louis, where it has been providing healthcare to uninsured residents for 20 years. This two-year, \$300,000 grant supports the clinic’s operating expenses and helps it meet the increased needs of a patient load that has doubled since 2007.

**Community Hope Projects Inc.**  
McAllen, Texas  
\$75,000

The health center offers free medical, behavioral and educational health services to uninsured Texas residents living in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Kresge’s two-year, \$150,000 grant for operations will enable additional families to receive care, decrease new-patient waiting time, maintain and expand the pool of medical volunteers and provide patients with case management.

Through the center, low-income and underserved Lansing-area residents and migrant farm workers receive medical diagnostic, treatment and intervention services, as well as education, information and referrals. Grant monies will go toward the maintenance of pediatric medical services and the purchase of software to implement an electronic medical records system.

Uninsured and underinsured residents and patients with chronic health conditions receive medical and dental care along with pharmaceutical services at the only safety-net provider in rural Davidson County. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant enables the clinic to maintain its current services and level of operations while accommodating additional clients who seek care.

The medical center operates two free health clinics, Shepherd’s Hope and the Community After Hours Clinic, which serve more than 8,000 patients, including many who are uninsured and living in poverty. Assistance from this two-year, \$300,000 grant will support operations and expand access to medical services at both clinics.

The state’s largest free clinic has seen a steady increase in demand for its comprehensive medical, dental and community-education services by the working poor. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant funds new initiatives to expand the clinic’s reach, support the demands of current and new clients and shore up programmatic and medical partnerships.

Since 1985, the voluntary free clinic has evolved from a grassroots operation to a full-scale, comprehensive medical organization accommodating more than 26,000 patient visits annually and serving vulnerable populations, including the homeless and undocumented residents. Funding will support the clinic’s operations and expand its capacity to treat additional patients.

The nonprofit community hospital is committed to improving access to care and providing special services to underserved populations. Kresge’s two-year, \$132,000 grant will support the Winchendon Project, an initiative developed jointly with Murdock Middle High School and the Joint Coalition on Health to provide mental-health and substance-abuse counseling to students on-site during the school day.

Since 1982, the free clinic has provided life-giving services to meet the health and social needs of low-income, uninsured residents of Washtenaw and Western Wayne counties and surrounding areas. The clinic will be able to accommodate the growing demand for its services by needy populations with additional operating support provided by this two-year, \$300,000 grant.

Over 25 years, the center has grown from a neighborhood clinic to a metropolitan health-care facility offering medical and dental care to patients, a majority of whom are minorities, uninsured or on Medicaid. This two-year, \$300,000 grant commitment will strengthen and expand the medical services provided to vulnerable populations and help the center meet increased demand.

The Kansas University Endowment, the private fundraising arm of the University of Kansas, handles charitable contributions to the health clinic, which provides wide-ranging medical, mental-health and outreach services to uninsured low-income and minority residents of Wyandotte County. The clinic will use this two-year, \$150,000 grant to bolster its operations and increase access to primary care.

The community-oriented nonprofit organization operates the Project Salud Health Center, which offers nurse-managed primary and prenatal health care to low-income, underserved residents of Chester County. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant will support services for workers in the southern part of the county who lack health insurance, worker’s compensation and regular access to a health-care provider.

Low-income, homeless and underserved adults and children of south Orange County receive free medical, dental and health-education services from the clinic. Faced with increasing numbers of patients who need assistance, the clinic uses this two-year, \$196,000 grant to hire additional staff members.

**Cristo Rey Community Center**  
Lansing, Michigan  
\$150,000

**Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic Inc.** (2009 grant)  
Lexington, North Carolina  
\$150,000

**Florida Hospital Medical Center**  
Orlando, Florida  
\$150,000

**The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland** (2009 grant)  
Cleveland, Ohio  
\$150,000

**Health for Friends**  
Norman, Oklahoma  
\$100,000

**Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital**  
Gardner, Massachusetts  
\$66,000

**Hope Medical Clinic Inc.** (2009 grant)  
Ypsilanti, Michigan  
\$150,000

**Inner City Health Center**  
Denver, Colorado  
\$150,000

**Kansas University Endowment Association on behalf of Silver City Health Clinic**  
Lawrence, Kansas  
\$50,000

**La Comunidad Hispana Inc.**  
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania  
\$150,000

**Laguna Beach Community Clinic** (2009 grant)  
Laguna Beach, California  
\$96,000

**Medical Outreach Ministries  
Family Health Center**  
Montgomery, Alabama  
\$75,000

**Mercy Primary Care Center**  
(2009 grant)  
Detroit, Michigan  
\$150,000

**Mobile Medical Care Inc.**  
(2009 grant)  
Bethesda, Maryland  
\$110,000

**North Coast Health Ministry**  
Lakewood, Ohio  
\$85,000

**Northwest Arkansas Free  
Health Center**  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
\$100,000

**Partners for Healing**  
Tullahoma, Tennessee  
\$50,000

**Rhode Island Free Clinic Inc.**  
(2009 grant)  
Providence, Rhode Island  
\$150,000

**Santa Barbara  
Neighborhood Clinics**  
(2009 grant)  
Isla Vista, California  
\$150,000

**Santa Cruz Women’s Health  
Center** (2009 grant)  
Santa Cruz, California  
\$125,000

**Shelter Health Services Inc.**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
\$50,000

**Siloam Family Health Center**  
Nashville, Tennessee  
\$150,000

As the only free health clinic serving low-income, uninsured residents in the Montgomery tri-county area, the health center has been caught between increasing demand for health-care services and decreasing charitable support in recessionary times. This two-year, \$150,000 grant will support the clinic’s operations and improve its capacity to serve vulnerable populations.

The private nonprofit clinic fills a significant health-care gap on Detroit’s east side by offering free primary-care and social services to uninsured, homeless and other vulnerable populations. This two-year, \$300,000 grant increases the clinic’s capability to treat additional patients and help leverage access to free specialty and ancillary care services.

Mobile Medical Care’s network of clinic sites and mobile medical units offers free or discounted quality health care to low-income, working-poor and homeless individuals in the middle and lower region of Montgomery County. This two-year, \$220,000 grant supports operations for a new up-county clinic at Shady Grove Adventist Germantown Emergency Center.

North Coast offers free primary health care to low-income, uninsured residents in Greater Cleveland’s West Side through its facilities in Cleveland and Lakewood. Funding from this two-year, \$170,000 grant commitment will allow North Coast to increase the capacity of its clinical-care team to meet the growing need for care.

As the only free health center in a 50-mile radius, Northwest seeks to establish a medical home for the 54,600 low-income and uninsured people in Washington County. Faced with a significant increase in the number of patients needing care but lacking health insurance, Northwest will use Kresge’s two-year, \$200,000 grant to improve and expand its operations.

Since 2001, the free medical clinic has provided primary care, diagnostic testing and referrals to uninsured residents living in three rural counties in southern Tennessee. Partners for Healing will use Kresge’s two-year, \$100,000 grant to expand its hours of operation, provide medical services at a satellite location and increase medication assistance to patients.

The free clinic exclusively serves uninsured patients who seek primary and mental-health care and free prescriptions at its ambulatory-care facility, and operates a Physicians Network to treat other residents throughout the state. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant for staff support enables the clinic to expand its hours and recruit volunteer physicians.

Uninsured and low-wage service and agricultural workers receive a wide spectrum of medical, dental, mental-health and disease-management care at the organization’s clinics and program centers in Santa Barbara County. Kresge’s two-year, \$300,000 grant supports operating expenses to help meet the increased demand for services.

The center plays a vital safety-net role by delivering comprehensive primary care, chronic care, behavioral health and complementary medical services for women and children, including many chronically ill, homeless and uninsured patients. Faced with increasing demand for services, the clinic uses Kresge’s two-year, \$275,000 grant to cover mounting operating expenses.

Operating within a Salvation Army shelter, the clinic provides free health care and health education to homeless women and children in Mecklenburg County. Kresge’s two-year, \$100,000 grant will allow the clinic to expand access and services through several initiatives designed to improve clinical testing, infrastructure, electronic health record-keeping and health education.

Established in 1991, the health center offers primary care and specialty health care to uninsured, low-income residents, including many who are foreign-born. Assisted by this two-year, \$300,000 grant, the center will expand its staffing hours and purchase communications-service technology to improve its efficiency.

Safety-net Enhancement Initiative

Through a two-part process, 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 February 2010, the foundation awarded grants of \$75,000 each to 12 public-health agencies and community nonprofit organizations in 11 states for program planning and design. This constituted part-one of the grant opportunity.

In December 2010, the 12 organizations that received program planning and design grants competed for an additional \$750,000 each to support the build out of their proposed demonstration projects. This constituted part-two funding. Eight grantees were awarded a combined \$6 million over three years. The projects will be evaluated for their effectiveness in reducing health disparities.

Planning grant recipients awarded February 2010

**Alameda County Public Health  
Department**  
Oakland, California

**Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton  
Comprehensive Health Services Inc.**  
Ridgeland, South Carolina

**Christ Community Health  
Services Inc.**  
Memphis, Tennessee

**Cleveland Clinic Foundation**  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive  
Family Services**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**North Country Healthcare Inc.**  
Flagstaff, Arizona

**Primary Care Coalition of  
Montgomery County Inc.**  
Silver Spring, Maryland

**Saginaw County Department of  
Public Health**  
Saginaw, Michigan

**Southern Illinois Healthcare  
Foundation**  
Sauget, Illinois

**Taos Health Systems Inc.  
Holy Cross Hospital**  
Taos, New Mexico

**Voices Of Detroit Initiative**  
Detroit, Michigan

**Whittier Street Health Center  
Committee Inc.**  
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Demonstration project grant recipients awarded December 2010

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 Latino pregnant women.

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.

The Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Assisted by this grant, the clinic will develop 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.

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

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 Kresge’s grant will support the *Hermosa Vida* project, a collaborative initiative to provide low-income children with access to health information, fitness programs, nutrition counseling and healthy life-style supports.

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Comprehensive Family  
Services**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**North Country  
Healthcare Inc.**  
Flagstaff, Arizona

**Taos Health Systems Inc.  
Holy Cross Hospital**  
Taos, New Mexico

The nonprofit 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 will spearhead 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, Michigan

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. Kresge’s grant will support 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, Massachusetts

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.