

Grants Approved

The following grants were approved at the December 4, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors:

Education

Chicago Urban League

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To develop an education policy agenda and a community organizing plan in partnership with the Education Trust. (6 mos.)

Education Pioneers

Oakland, CA \$100,000

To support the launch of a program in Chicago to develop a pipeline of talented education leaders focused on transforming the educational system so that all students receive a quality education. (1 yr.)

GreatSchools

San Francisco, CA \$75,000

To increase GreatSchool's ability to inform low-income Milwaukee parents about K-12 school options and encourage parents to choose academically successful schools. (1 yr.)

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA \$100,000

To build the capacity of Chicago Public Schools to research and evaluate innovative new programs designed to boost student achievement. (1 yr.)

New Leaders for New Schools

New York, NY \$600,000

To continue its work developing district policies that ensure school principals are highly effective and to help support costs to recruit and train outstanding school leaders in Milwaukee. (2 yrs.)

New Schools Venture Fund

San Francisco, CA \$100,000

To evaluate and share lessons learned from the new 'turnaround' schools in Chicago (which are replacing all teachers and principals) with top Chicago and national education policy makers. (1 yr.)

Teach for America Inc.

New York, NY \$200,000

To continue support of its Policy and Advocacy Initiative to increase alumni involvement in high-impact policy and advocacy work and catalyze broader education reform efforts. (1 yr.)

The New Teacher Project Inc.

Brooklyn, NY \$1,000,000

To expand the supply of qualified teachers in Chicago, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee by reducing the policy barriers that keep each district from staffing its classrooms effectively. (2 yrs.)

The Regents of the University of California

Santa Cruz, CA \$796,887

To support the Chicago New Teacher Center in its continuing efforts to improve new teacher support policies in Chicago and Illinois schools. (2 yrs.)

University of Washington

Seattle, WA \$250,000

To analyze recent efforts by Chicago, New Orleans, New York, and Washington, D.C., to create new school options and radically overhaul many of their lowest-performing schools. (2 yrs.)

Total Education: \$3,271,887

Employment

Brandon Roberts & Associates

Chevy Chase, MD \$200,000

To support the Working Poor Families Project, a national initiative that seeks to strengthen state policies that promote economic self-sufficiency for low-income working families. (2 yrs.)

Center for Law and Social Policy

Washington, DC \$1,520,250

To manage and provide technical support to the Shifting Gears initiative and continue its federal and state advocacy on workforce and education issues affecting low-income adults. (2 yrs.)

Community Research Partners

Columbus, OH \$200,000

To research and advocate for improvements to Ohio's workforce and adult education systems to better serve low-income adults. (2 yrs.)

Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy

New York, NY \$200,000

To support the printing and release event for the National Commission on Adult Literacy's final report. (2 yrs.)

Policy Matters Ohio

Cleveland, OH \$220,000

To support research and advocacy on connecting low-wage workers to transitional unemployment benefits, adult education and training, and job opportunities in the emerging clean energy economy. (2 yrs.)

Tides Center

San Francisco, CA \$175,000

For the Apollo Alliance project to evaluate the capacity of the education and training infrastructure in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin to prepare workers for jobs in the clean energy economy. (1 yr.)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Center on Wisconsin Strategy

Madison, WI \$360,000

To continue its technical assistance, research, and outreach work to improve state policies to help low-income workers advance to better jobs. (2 yrs.)

Workforce Strategy Center Inc.

New York, NY \$550,000

To coordinate cross-site meetings, webinars, and other technical assistance for participants in Joyce's Shifting Gears initiative. (2 yrs.)

Total Employment: \$3,425,250

Environment

Field Museum of Natural History

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To bring the exhibition Water: H₂O=Life to Chicago. (1 yr.)

Total Environment: \$100,000

Gun Violence

Freedom States Alliance

Chicago, IL \$150,000

To (1) continue to strengthen and develop its fund-raising infrastructure to support seven state-based gun violence prevention groups; (2) expand the network of individual grassroots supporters for the state groups; and (3) continue its communications and media outreach efforts. (1 yr.)

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence

Chicago, IL \$290,000

For continued support of its public, media, and policy-maker education efforts to promote firearm policy reform in Illinois. (1 yr.)

Legal Community Against Violence

San Francisco, CA \$325,000

To support its Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and fund additional quantitative research on changing attitudes toward gun laws in the post-*Heller* and post-election political climate. (1 yr.)

President and Fellows of Harvard College

Boston, MA \$600,000

To conduct research and disseminate information that supports ongoing firearms policy debates in law enforcement circles, public health communities, and legislative bodies. (1 yr.)

Violence Policy Center

Washington, DC \$700,000

To continue its gun violence prevention research, advocacy, education, and technical assistance work. (1 yr.)

WAVE Educational Fund

Milwaukee, WI \$315,000

To continue its gun violence prevention activities, grow its membership, increase its presence outside the urban areas of Madison and Milwaukee, and forge a progressive gun agenda that helps reduce gun violence in a state with a very pro-gun culture and strong rural identity. (1 yr.)

Total Gun Violence \$2,380,000

Money and Politics

The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To work in partnership with other civic groups in implementing a statewide public education and outreach project called True Census Count: A Program to Redistrict and Reform. (2 yrs.)

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice

New York, NY \$400,000

To support the Democracy Program of William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice and specifically its Midwest work in the areas of campaign finance, redistricting, judicial independence, and voting rights. (2.5 yrs.)

Total Money and Politics: \$500,000

Culture

Chicago Theatre Group Inc.

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To commission Latina playwright Quiara Alegría Hudes to develop a new work tentatively titled *The Jibaro Play*, an exploration of the political revolution in Puerto Rico during the 1930s. (3 yrs.)

Detroit International Jazz Festival

Detroit, MI \$50,000

To commission African American bassist and composer John Clayton to write a new full scale jazz work, tentatively titled *The Guardian*, inspired by Detroit's jazz legacy of the 1920s in celebration of the Festival's 30th anniversary in 2009. (1 yr.)

Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland

Cleveland, OH \$50,000

To commission several new works and present the first Midwest museum exhibition of African American visual artist Iona Rozeal Brown. (2 yrs.)

Ravinia Festival Association

Highland Park, IL \$50,000

To commission and present a new work inspired by the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birthday by African American dancer and choreographer Bill T. Jones. (1 yr.)

Total Culture: \$200,000

Special Opportunities**Chicago Metropolis 2020**

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To support El Proximo Centenario (The Next Century), an exhibition and audio installation created by Latino youth for inclusion in the regional Burnham Centennial celebration. (1 yr.)

Foundation Center

New York, NY \$45,000

To expand the availability of information on grantmakers, conduct and publish research on the philanthropic sector, provide increased services to grantseekers, and broaden the public's understanding of philanthropy. (2 yrs.)

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund

Washington, DC \$200,000

To support the Midwest component of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund's multi-year, multi-faceted public education campaign to educate and mobilize stakeholders, including the civil rights and human rights community within the region, about the importance of a fair and accurate 2010 census. (2 yrs.)

Total Special Opportunities: \$295,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,172,137
