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## Grants Roundup: USA Funds Awards \$4.6 Million to University of Hawaii for Work-Force Development



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USA Fund's \$4.6 million grant to the University of Hawaii will support a variety of programs such as the Hawaii Innovative Initiative and the Hawaiian Graduation Initiative.

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Here are notable new grants and deadlines compiled by *The Chronicle*:

### USA Funds

\$4.6 million to the University of Hawaii to support two work-force-development programs to combat the state's "brain drain." The programs include the Hawaii Innovation Initiative, a public-private partnership to build a thriving innovation economy in the state and create living-wage jobs, and the Hawaii Graduation Initiative,

which seeks to increase university participation and completion, particularly for Native Hawaiians, low-income students, and those from needy regions and populations.

The grant also supports the creation of a STEM Center of Excellence at the university, which will coordinate STEM-related activities across the state. Efforts will include an Innovation Workforce Program that will provide rapid-response training to meet immediate work-force needs.

### Cleveland Foundation

A total of \$2.5 million to local organizations promoting youth development. Grantees include New Directions, a treatment facility for chemically dependent adolescents and their families, which received \$200,000. Greater Cleveland Volunteers received \$175,000 for its Experience Corps program, which pairs older adult volunteers with underperforming youths to improve literacy skills.

### St. Baldrick's Foundation

A total of \$2 million to 33 institutions for childhood cancer research and to enroll more children in ongoing clinical trials. Grantees include Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

### Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Over \$1.6 million to support nonprofits that provide financial education and services to low- and moderate-income residents in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and organizations working to improve land use, affordable housing, and public transportation options for people of all income levels. Grant amounts range from

\$10,000 to \$80,000. Grantees include the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and AnewAmerica Community Corporation, which provides tax-preparation assistance, financial-literacy education, and one-on-one counseling.

### **Kresge Foundation**

The foundation is accepting applications for up to 20 planning grants of as much as \$75,000 each as part of its new Fresh, Local & Equitable: Food as a Creative Platform for Neighborhood Revitalization program. Organizations and collaborations that lead food-oriented development programs in economically distressed urban neighborhoods are eligible. Planning grants can last up to 12 months. Recipients will participate in a national learning network and have the opportunity to apply for implementation grants. More information, including the application portal, can be found online.

### **Houston Endowment**

\$1.16 million for Mid-America Arts Alliance to continue its Engage program, which provides organization development opportunities to arts and culture groups in the Houston area.

### **Flinn Foundation**

\$1 million to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. The gift was made in honor of the foundation's 50th anniversary and will establish and endow a cardiology fellowship program in the name of cardiologist Robert Flinn.

### **Saint Francis Foundation and Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership**

A total commitment of \$1 million to fund community projects in San Francisco's Tenderloin district. Grantees include the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, which received \$250,000 to operate and develop community programs in the neighborhood's Boeddeker Park, and Tenderloin Safe Passage, which received \$131,000 for its work to ensure safe travel along designated routes for the more than 3,500 children who live in the neighborhood.

### **Helmsley Charitable Trust**

Two grants totaling \$953,794 to the nonprofit Measure of America to support data2go.nyc, a free mapping and data tool that will highlight inequality and resource needs in New York City at a neighborhood level based on 350 data indicators. Of the donation, \$731,794 goes toward building the tool, and an additional \$222,000 will be used to promote its use.

### **NoVo Foundation**

\$450,000 over three years to the Tahirih Justice Center to help expand its work supporting immigrant women and girls fleeing human-rights abuses. The group provides pro bono legal services, does public-policy advocacy, and runs education programs.

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