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Grants Roundup: \$10 Million for Minority Girls, Young Women, and Transgender Youths



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Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito delivers 2016 State of the City address. She is seen here with young attendees.

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

NoVo Foundation and New York Women's Foundation

A combined \$10 million commitment for programs for minority girls, young women, and transgender youths in New York City. The grant will match a \$10 million donation from the New York City Council to the city's Young Women's Initiative announced Friday.

The foundation will work closely with the city's program, experts, and girls and young women to find opportunities for collaboration.

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A total of \$5 million over three years to two organizations to launch a new program designed to improve the lives of children born with rare diseases and to improve the future of rare-disease care. Funding from the biopharmaceutical company will go to SeriousFun Children's Network, a community of camps and programs serving children with serious illnesses and their families founded by actor Paul Newman, and the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

Northwest Area Foundation

Nearly \$5 million to 43 organizations with a focus on groups serving communities of color and Native Indian and immigrant communities. Grantees include the Hmong American Farmers Association, based in St. Paul, Minn., which received \$150,000 over two years to support its programs that allow Hmong-American farmers to polish their business skills, learn about sustainable farming practices, gain long-term land leases, and create new jobs.

Legacy of Angels Foundation

Two grants totaling \$2.5 million to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation to support the diagnosis, treatment, and research of rare neurological diseases. Funding will support the ongoing work of the hospital's Program for the Study of Neurodevelopment in Rare Disorders.

JPMorgan Chase

\$2 million for the Corporation for Enterprise Development's new program to bridge the racial wealth divide in New Orleans and Miami. The nonprofit will work with local organizations of color to build a greater understanding of racial wealth disparities, strengthen relationships between organizations of color and financial institutions, and equip the organizations to become leading voices in policy-making conversations.

Lloyd A. Fry Foundation

A total of more than \$1.9 million to education, employment, and health programs in Chicago. Grantees include Chicago Youth Programs, which received \$80,000 over two years for its literacy and math academic tutoring programs for low-income students in preschool through college. The tutors are graduate students and professionals in the medical and law fields.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles

\$1.6 million to Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The money will create an endowment that will allow the hospital's Division of Neurology to create a pediatric epilepsy fellowship program that will train one epilepsy fellow every year in perpetuity beginning in July 2016.

KeyBank Foundation

\$1.4 million to Cuyahoga Community College to enhance and expand its public-safety education and training programs for students pursuing careers as law-enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other in-demand public-safety occupations in Northeast Ohio. The funding will also support a campaign to recruit minority and female candidates for first-responder jobs, as well as outreach programs to U.S. military veterans and the creation of a youth-focused summer program.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

\$1.2 million to Hampshire College to support a program to modernize and reinvent its library with a goal of measurably increasing student satisfaction, success, and retention. The changes, which will happen over four years, will include bringing together academic support services and research librarians and developing open, technology-rich workspace.

William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust

\$817,950 to the Macaulay Honors College at the City University of New York to provide students with direct, professional mental-health counseling, services, and guidance. The grant will also help the students, many of whom are urban, underserved, and often the first in their families to attend college, to take advantage of opportunities for study and service abroad.

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