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Aetna Foundation

The Aetna Foundation is the independent philanthropic arm of Aetna, Inc. The Foundation builds healthy communities by funding initiatives that improve the quality of life where our employees and customers live and work. In 2003 and going forward, the Aetna Foundation's giving will focus on racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Aetna has developed a coordinated, multidimensional approach that includes research, education, data collection and supporting initiatives designed to enhance understanding of racial and cultural diversity, and develop outreach programs to improve access to quality care.

<http://www.aetna.com/foundation>

Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the largest national voluntary health organization dedicated to advancing Alzheimer's research and helping those affected by the disease. The Association ranks as the top private funder of research into the causes, treatments, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Research targeting diverse populations are strongly encouraged.

Research Grants Program

<http://www.alz.org/Research/RGP/overview.asp>

Types of Research Grants

<http://www.alz.org/Research/RGP/Types.asp>

American Cancer Society (ACS)

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. The ACS is the largest source of private, not-for-profit cancer research funds in the US. The research program consists of three components: extramural grants, intramural epidemiology and surveillance research, and the intramural behavioral research center.

The Society's research program focuses on beginning investigators, a program of targeted research, and an enhanced commitment to psychosocial and behavioral, health services, health policy, epidemiological, clinical and cancer control research. In response to identified needs in clinical oncology, the Society also sponsors grants in support of training for health professionals seeking to develop their clinical expertise and/or their ability to conduct independent research.

Individuals contacting the ACS for application materials will be directed to our website or to their institution's grant representative as listed in our database.

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/RES/RES_0.asp

American Diabetes Association (ADA)

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research, information, and advocacy. The mission of the organization is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. To fulfill this mission, the American Diabetes Association funds research, publishes scientific findings, provides information and other services to people with diabetes, their families, health care professionals and the public. The Association is also actively involved in advocating for scientific research and for the rights of people with diabetes.

<http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

ADA Current Grant Opportunities

Guidelines and forms for all current ADA grant opportunities.

<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-research/research-grant-application-forms/ADA-grant-opportunities/ADA-current-grant-opportunities.jsp>

ADA Research News, Including New Opportunities

<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-research/research-grant-application-forms/whats-new.jsp>

American Heart Association (AHA)

The American Heart Association is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. The AHA believes that learning more about diseases of the heart and stroke is the best way to reduce disability and death.

<http://www.americanheart.org>

National Research Program Award Commitments

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=209>

Funding Opportunities

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=9713>

American Legacy Foundation

The American Legacy Foundation is dedicated to building a world where young people reject tobacco and anyone can quit. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was established in March 1999 as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) between a coalition of attorneys general in 46 states and five U.S. territories and the tobacco industry, and is funded primarily by payments designated by the settlement. As a national, independent public health foundation located in Washington, D.C., the foundation develops national programs that address the health effects of tobacco use through grants, technical training and assistance, youth activism, strategic partnerships, counter-marketing and grass roots marketing campaigns, public relations, and community outreach to populations disproportionately affected by the toll of tobacco. The foundation has two goals that guide its work toward creating tobacco-free generations: to arm all young people with the knowledge and tools to reject tobacco, and to eliminate disparities in access to tobacco prevention and cessation services

<http://www.americanlegacy.org/>

Eliminating Disparities Program

http://www.americanlegacy.org/americanlegacy/skins/alf/display.aspx?Action=display_page&mode=User&ModuleID=8cde2e88-3052-448c-893d-d0b4b14b31c4&ObjectID=d1f8ad27-cbfa-4bbb-940e-58c25da47305

Grants Overview

http://www.americanlegacy.org/americanlegacy/skins/alf/display.aspx?Action=display_page&mode=User&ModuleID=8cde2e88-3052-448c-893d-d0b4b14b31c4&ObjectID=7152134a-ffc6-4119-a326-b14a9a0741c5

American Lung Association (ALA)

The American Lung Association® is the oldest voluntary health organization in the United States, with a National Office and constituent and affiliate associations around the country. ALA fights lung disease in all its forms, with special emphasis on asthma, tobacco control and environmental health. ALA funds a broad program of grants and awards designed to further both basic and applied research in lung function and lung disease.

<http://www.lungusa.org/>

Research Opportunities

<http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=33309>

Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation is the only national not-for-profit organization that supports the more than 100 types of arthritis and related conditions with advocacy, programs, services, and research. Arthritis Foundation efforts center on the three-fold mission of the organization: research, prevention, and quality of life. The Arthritis Foundation currently provides nearly \$20 million in grants to nearly 300 researchers to help find a cure, prevention, or better treatment for arthritis.

<http://www.arthritis.org/>

Grant Opportunities

<http://www.arthritis.org/research/ProposalCentral.asp - grants>

Association of Schools of Public Health Health Disparities Research & Diversity Resource Center

The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) is a national organization representing the deans, faculty, and students of the accredited member schools of public health and other programs seeking accreditation as schools of public health. The Health Disparities Research & Diversity Resource Center is an initiative to provide information about the health disparities research activities of member schools and diversity-related issues in public health.

<http://www.asph.org/diversity/>

Funding Opportunities

<http://www.asph.org/diversity/funding.cfm>

Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global pharmaceutical and related health care products company whose mission is to extend and enhance human life. The aim of the Foundation is to align the focus areas of the Foundation with the most pressing needs of the society in which the company operates. The Foundation's activities support a broad range of programs that address important health matters and educational issues around the world.

<http://www.bms.com/sr/philanthropy/data/index.html>

Global Women's Health Education Initiative

<http://www.bms.com/sr/philanthropy/data/global.html>

Applying for Grants

<http://www.bms.com/sr/philanthropy/data/grants.html>

The California Endowment

Created in 1996 as a result of Blue Cross of California's creation of WellPoint Health Networks, a for-profit corporation, The California Endowment is a private, statewide health foundation with approximately \$3 billion in assets. Its mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. The Endowment awards grants to organizations that directly benefit the health and well-being of the people of California. Key areas of interest include multicultural health, access to health care, and health and well-being.

<http://www.calendow.org/index.htm>

Applying for a Grant

http://www.calendow.org/apply/frm_apply.htm

California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF)

The California HealthCare Foundation is an independent philanthropy committed to improving the way health care is delivered and financed in California, and helping consumers make informed health care and coverage decisions. CHCF's goal is to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable, quality health care. CHCF's goals and priorities are to improve care for people with chronic diseases; to strengthen the capacity of hospitals, emergency providers, and nursing homes to serve the public; to help health information better serve the public; to improve California's public health care financing and policy.

<http://www.chcf.org/>

Grants and RFPs

<http://www.chcf.org/grantinfo>

The California Wellness Foundation

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education, and disease prevention. Its goals are to address the particular health of needs of traditionally underserved populations, to support and strengthen nonprofit organizations that seek to improve the health of underserved populations, to recognize and encourage leaders who are working to increase health and wellness within their communities, and to inform the development of public policies that promote wellness and enhance access to preventive health care.

<http://www.tcdf.org/>

Grant Programs

http://www.tcdf.org/grant_programs/what_we_fund.htm

How to Apply

http://www.tcdf.org/how_to_apply/how_to_apply.htm

Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation (CRPF)

The Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation, formerly the Cancer Research Foundation of America, is a national non-profit health foundation whose mission is the prevention and early detection of cancer through scientific research and education. The Foundation focuses its energies and resources on those cancers – including lung, breast, prostate, colorectal, cervical, skin, and testicular – that can be prevented through lifestyle changes or detection and treatment in their early stages.

<http://www.preventcancer.org/researchers/index.cfm>

ProposalCentral

Grant applications are administered through ProposalCentral, a web-based portal managing grant applications for the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, American Academy of Otolaryngology, Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Florida Department of Health, USIDNET, Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Paralyzed Veterans of America, as well as other foundations.

<http://pc.ecgrant.com/>

The Commonwealth Fund

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. The Fund is dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care, and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, elderly people, low-income families, minority Americans, and the uninsured. The Fund's two national program areas are improving health insurance coverage and access to care and improving the quality of health care services.

<http://www.cmwf.org/>

Program Areas

<http://www.cmwf.org/programs/index.asp?link=2>

Information for Grant Seekers

<http://www.cmwf.org/grantseekers/index.asp?link=4>

The Nathan Cummings Foundation

The Nathan Cummings Foundation is rooted in the Jewish tradition and committed to democratic values and social justice, including fairness, diversity, and community. The foundation seeks to build a socially and economically just society that values nature and protects the ecological balance for future generations; promotes humane health care; and fosters arts and culture that enriches community.

<http://www.nathancummings.org/>

Environment Guidelines

<http://www.nathancummings.org/enviro/000023.html>

Health Guidelines

<http://www.nathancummings.org/health/000026.html>

Applying for a Grant

<http://www.nathancummings.org/programs/000016.html>

Franklin Benevolent Corporation

The Franklin Benevolent Corporation was created from the merger of Davies Medical Center in San Francisco with California Pacific Medical Center. As part of the acquisition, the Davies Medical Center Corporation changed its legal name to the Franklin Benevolent Corporation. The non-profit hospital corporation is in the process of converting to a private non-profit foundation, which will support non-profit health related projects in San Francisco. The website currently features only a brief, but interesting, history of the hospital and corporation.

<http://www.frankben.org/>

The Gerber Foundation

The mission of the Gerber Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care and development. The majority of the Foundation's grant dollars are distributed on a competitive basis to national programs serving infants and young children. Priority is given to projects whose primary beneficiaries are young children from birth to three years of age. Programming interests are pediatric health, pediatric nutrition, and nutrient competitors, including the effects of environmental hazards on infants and young children.

<http://www.gerberfoundation.org/>

Programming Interests

http://www.gerberfoundation.org/programming_interests.htm

National Grantmaking Policies and Guidelines

http://www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking_policies.htm

William T. Grant Foundation

The goal of the William T. Grant Foundation is to help create a society that values young people and enables them to reach their full potential. It pursues this goal by investing in research and in people and projects that use evidence-based approaches. We support research on how contexts such as families, programs, and policies affect youth, how these contexts can be improved, and how scientific evidence affects influential adults. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on youth development; improving systems, organizations, and programs; and adults' use of evidence and their views of youth, particularly in when and how evidence from the health, social, and behavioral sciences affects their knowledge, views, and behavior.

<http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/>

Mission and Current Focus

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/usr_doc/MissionFocus04.pdf

William T. Grant Scholars Program

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports promising post-doctoral scholars from diverse disciplines whose research deepens and broadens the knowledge base in areas that contribute to creating a society that values young people and helps them reach their potential.

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=76878&attrib_id=4398

Funding Opportunities

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat.htm

Harvard Medical School Center for Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities

The Center of Excellence maintains a database of funding opportunities. The database contains information on fellowships, grants, and awards focused on diversity and minority health and health disparities research.

<http://www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/coe/funding/index.cfm>

The Iacocca Foundation

The Iacocca Foundation is a private foundation established in 1984 by the Iacocca family. The mission of the foundation is to fund innovative and promising diabetes research programs and projects that will lead to a cure for the disease and alleviate complications caused by it. The Foundation supports qualified non-profit research organizations conducting diabetes research projects in the areas of type I and type II and their complications.

<http://www.iacoccafoundation.org/>

Grant Guidelines and Instructions

http://www.iacoccafoundation.org/grant_guidelines.htm

John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund

The Community Health Fund awards grants to community-based programs and strategic initiatives that aim to make an impact on challenges and circumstances that adversely affect the health of uninsured and underserved families, children and youth, seniors, and other adults. The grants fund programs that enable these vulnerable populations to gain greater access to healthcare, mental health services, dental care, and related support services conducted by nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of residents living in central and east Contra Costa County communities.

http://www.jmmdhs.com/index.php/jmmdhs_fund.html?sid=zPxdp2wDnDSdSpHu2wm4yq5TkemORV7R

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, NJ, is the largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care in the United States. The foundation concentrates its grantmaking in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to quality health care at reasonable cost, to improve the quality of care and support for people with chronic health conditions, to promote healthy communities and lifestyles, and to reduce the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse – tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs. To accomplish these goals, the foundation supports training, education, research (excluding biomedical research), and projects that demonstrate the effective delivery of health care services.

<http://rwjf.org/index.jsp>

Open Calls for Proposals

<http://rwjf.org/applying/cfpOpen.jsp>

Grantmaking Portfolios

<http://rwjf.org/applying/grantPriorities.jhtml>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to apply knowledge to solve the problems of people. Funding activities in health focus on improving individual and community health, and improving access and quality of health care as a means to that end. Specifically, grant making focuses on the powerful non-biological determinants of health, and targets communities, health care systems, and public health as a center for change.

<http://www.wkkf.org/>

Improving the Health of People: The 2003-2008 Strategic Plan

<http://www.wkkf.org/Programming/Overview.aspx?CID=1>

How to Apply for a Grant

<http://www.wkkf.org/Grants/Process.aspx>

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

For more than 20 years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs. Working through a network of U.S. and international Affiliates and events like the Komen Race for the Cure®, the Komen Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by funding research grants and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

<http://www.komen.org/>

Research Grants

http://www.komen.org/intradoc-cgi/idc.cgi_isapi.dll?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=368

Population-Specific Research

http://www.komen.org/intradoc-cgi/idc.cgi_isapi.dll?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=392

The Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation

The Foundation's grant-making program is centered around the concepts of health and well-being. The Foundation's purpose is to promote and support effective and creative programs, practices and policies related to healing from illness, accident, physical, social or emotional trauma and to extend the availability of programs that promote healing to underserved populations. More specifically, the Foundation favors proposals that seek to promote healing, healthy lives, and healthy communities through creative applied research; outreach to individuals, communities, and programs beyond the reach of effective health care; programs that address the needs of vulnerable individuals and communities; improved communication between clients and providers, and so forth.

<http://www.langeloth.org>

Applying for a Grant

<http://www.langeloth.org/apply.php>

Lupus Foundation of America

The Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) is the nation's leading non-profit voluntary health organization dedicated to finding the cause and cure for lupus. LFA's mission is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of lupus, support individuals and families affected by the disease, increase awareness of lupus among health professionals and the public, and find the cause and cure.

<http://www.lupus.org>

LFA Research Programs

<http://www.lupus.org/research/programs.html>

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grantmaking institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. Program areas include human and community development, global security and sustainability, fellowships, and program-related investments.

<http://www.macfdn.org/>

Program on Human and Community Development Grantmaking Guidelines

http://www.macfdn.org/documents/pdfs/hcd_guidelines.pdf

Mount Zion Health Fund

Mount Zion Health Fund traces its origins to the establishment of a Jewish hospital Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco at the end of the nineteenth century to serve the Jewish and broader communities. MZHF supports organizations whose programs are consistent with its mission to improve the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of underserved individuals.

<http://www.mzhf.org>

Funding Priorities

<http://www.mzhf.org/aboutthefund.htm>

Grant Application Process

<http://www.mzhf.org/grantappprocess.htm>

The Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health

The Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health is devoted exclusively to promoting, protecting, and sustaining the health of children, with a focus on San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in Northern California. The Foundation's grantmaking program focuses on two areas of interest: the protection of young children from injury, and the promotion of emotional, mental, and behavioral health in preteens.

<http://www.lpfch.org>

Grantmaking Program

<http://www.lpfch.org/grantmaking/index.html>

Peninsula Community Foundation

The Peninsula Community Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and collaborative projects in San Mateo and northern Santa Clara Counties. The Foundation utilizes a portfolio-based approach to grant-making. Eight areas of charitable interest include The First Five Years, In School & Out of School, Building Community, Health & Wellness, Supporting Families, Strengthening Nonprofits, Arts & Culture, and the Environment.

<http://www.pcf.org>

Grantmaking in Health and Wellness

http://www.pcf.org/community_grants/health.html

Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts serves the public interest by providing information, policy solutions, and support for civic life. Among the missions of the Trust is to inform and to advance the debate on issues that matter to the long-term health and well-being of the American people. The Trusts' current top policy priorities in Health and Human Services include foster care reform, alcohol marketing and youth, alcohol treatment policy, genetics and public policy, food and ag biotechnology, and retirement security.

<http://www.pewtrusts.com>

Grant Guidelines

<http://www.pewtrusts.com/grants/guidelines.cfm?name=Grant%20Guidelines>

Public Welfare Foundation

The Public Welfare Foundation is a non-governmental grant-making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Grants have been awarded in the areas of criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly and youth, environment, population, health, community and economic development, human rights and technology assistance.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org>

Funding Priorities for 2004

http://www.publicwelfare.org/news/news/fund_2004.asp

Roche Pharmaceuticals

The Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc. is the U.S. prescription drug unit of the Roche Group, an international health care company. Among the foci of its corporate giving program is a priority on health promotion and health education with an emphasis on cardiology, dermatology, infectious diseases, metabolic diseases, neurology, oncology, transplantation, and virology/HIV.

<http://www.rocheusa.com/about/responsibility.html>

Funding Guidelines

<http://www.rocheusa.com/about/funding.html>

The Rockefeller Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation is a global foundation with a commitment to enrich and sustain the lives and livelihoods of poor and excluded people throughout the world. The Foundation's grantmaking program is organized around four thematic lines of work: Creativity and Culture, Food Security, Health Equity, and Working Communities. A cross-theme of Global Inclusion supports, promotes, and supplements the work of these themes.

<http://www.rockfound.org>

Funding Priorities

<http://www.rockfound.org/display.asp?context=2&SectionTypeId=37&Preview=0&ARCurrent=1>

Information for Applicants

<http://www.rockfound.org/display.asp?context=2&SectionTypeId=33&Preview=0&ARCurrent=1>

The San Francisco Foundation

The San Francisco Foundation is a regional community foundation serving San Francisco, Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo counties. Its mission is to mobilize resources and act as a catalyst for change to build strong communities, foster civic leadership, and promote philanthropy. Its activities are focused in the areas of community health, education, cultural arts, neighborhood revitalization, environmental justice, and advocacy for underserved populations.

<http://www.sff.org/>

Environmental Health and Justice Initiative

<http://www.sff.org/initiatives/ehji.html>

Requests for Proposals

<http://www.sff.org/grantmaking/rfp.html>

The Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation

The Schwab Foundation's funding and initiatives focus on providers and communities in the San Francisco Bay Area with the objective of developing models of successful implementation that can be shared with other funders and agencies throughout the nation. The Foundation's grantmaking focuses on four key areas: homelessness, poverty prevention, substance abuse, and learning disabilities. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited grant applications; however, organizations that feel they can contribute to the Foundation's specified initiatives are welcome to submit a letter of inquiry.

<http://www.schwabfoundation.org>

Sierra Health Foundation

Sierra Health Foundation is a private, independent philanthropy supporting health and health-related activities in 26 central and eastern counties of Northern California. The Foundation's funding interests focus on children's health, dental health, and leadership development.

<http://www.sierrahealth.org>

Foundation Programs

<http://www.sierrahealth.org/programs/index.html>

Tenet Healthcare Foundation

Tenet Healthcare Foundation seeks to improve the lives of people in the communities served by Tenet hospitals by funding primarily local charities that address unmet health care needs. Grants are issued in the following categories: health and wellness, health education, human services, education, civic and community, and arts and humanities.

<http://www.tenethealth.com/tenethealth/TenetFoundation>

How to Apply

<http://www.tenethealth.com/TenetHealth/TenetFoundation/HowToApply>

Tides Foundation

Tides Foundation actively promotes change toward a healthy society, one which is founded on principles of social justice, broadly shared economic opportunity, a robust democratic process, and sustainable environmental practices. The areas in which Tides awards grants include environmental justice, HIV/AIDS, LGBTIQ communities, Native communities, violence prevention, and women's empowerment and reproductive health.

<http://www.tidesfoundation.org>

Information for Grantseekers

http://www.tidesfoundation.org/app_process.cfm

VHA Health Foundation

The VHA Health Foundation is a public health foundation based in Irving, Texas that helps health providers improve individual and community health by promoting and disseminating new effective models of health and health care. The Foundation uses a competitive process to award grants to health care providers that can demonstrate a novel and/or better approach to solving a problem or need related to health or health care. Local partnerships are encouraged to apply, with a health care providers serving as lead agency.

<http://www.vhahealthfoundation.org>

Funding Initiatives

<http://www.vhahealthfoundation.org/vhahf/initiatives.asp>