

## GRANTMAKING IN CHICAGO

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*The MacArthur Foundation has deep roots in Chicago, where it is headquartered and where John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur lived. The Foundation seeks and seizes opportunities to work locally as an expression of its civic commitment to its home, and because being rooted in Chicago yields a deeper understanding of issues faced by urban areas and how to address them.*

### AT A GLANCE

- Over the past 30 years, MacArthur has invested nearly \$800 million in Chicago. Grants have supported about 1000 organizations and individuals in the region.
- Between 2002 and 2012, MacArthur is investing more than \$200 million to support community and economic development and other activities in 16 low-income Chicago neighborhoods. This includes a foreclosure prevention and mitigation project to help families stay in their homes and to put foreclosed houses back into productive use.
- The Foundation has played a major role in helping to ensure that Chicago's historic plan to transform public housing high-rises into mixed-income communities is successful. In collaboration with partners in the Chicago region, MacArthur also seeks to preserve and expand the stock of affordable rental housing.
- MacArthur awards over \$7 million annually to more than 200 arts and culture groups in the Chicago region, including theaters, dance groups, music organizations, visual art programs, film centers, museums, and libraries.



### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MacArthur supports the nation's largest and most comprehensive community development effort, which seeks to revitalize 16 Chicago neighborhoods—about half of the low-income communities in the city, through LISC/Chicago's New Communities Program. The Foundation also makes grants through three complementary efforts — initiatives in community safety, economic development, and economic security. And MacArthur supports documentation, evaluation, and communications about these efforts.

The Foundation anticipates an investment in improving Chicago neighborhoods of more than \$200 million over 10 years, to be leveraged by LISC and local organizations to attract an estimated \$500 million in additional funding from other private and public sources. Through LISC's national office, the New Communities Program model is being implemented in more than 10 other sites across the country. The Foundation also makes grants through a number of complementary efforts to reduce violence and improve public safety, and to prevent or limit the effects of foreclosures.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/ced](http://www.macfound.org/ced) or [www.newcommunities.org](http://www.newcommunities.org).

### HOUSING

In virtually every housing market in the country, MacArthur's \$150 million Window of Opportunity housing preservation initiative is at work. The initiative facilitates new ownership and preservation of affordable rental housing, calls attention to the importance of rental housing as an option for individuals and families at various times in their lives, and stimulates new policies that accelerate and expand



the preservation of existing affordable housing. In Chicago, a comprehensive approach to the preservation challenge is under way through The Preservation Compact, which is bringing together all parties with an interest in the issue around efforts to preserve 75,000 affordable rental homes by 2020.

Also, the Foundation has made a significant investment in helping to create the conditions for the success of Chicago's ambitious Plan for Transformation of public housing. The Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize Chicago neighborhoods that have suffered from the blighting effect of neglected public housing, improve the living conditions of public housing residents, and support efforts to increase their economic well-being. Since 1999, MacArthur has awarded more than 140 grants totaling more than \$45 million for this work. It also has made a \$15 million program-related investment to guarantee financing for

development of the new mixed-income communities. Current grants are focused on helping new mixed-income communities integrate into their surrounding neighborhoods, including some in the New Communities Program. Grants also have been made to help develop the capacity to complete the Plan, to evaluate its progress and improve its implementation, and for research on its longer-term impact.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/housing](http://www.macfound.org/housing) or [www.chicago.uli.org](http://www.chicago.uli.org).

### ARTS AND CULTURE

The Foundation awards over \$7 million in support to more than 200 arts and culture groups in the Chicago region, including theaters, dance groups, music organizations, visual art programs, film centers, museums, and libraries. Most of these grants provide multi-year, general operating

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support, providing groups the flexibility to fund ongoing work and take creative risks.

The Foundation makes general operating support grants directly to 48 large institutions (those with budgets over \$2 million). Arts organizations with annual budgets between \$500,000 and \$2 million are supported through the MacArthur Fund at the Prince Charitable Trusts. Small groups, those with budgets of less than \$500,000, receive grants through the MacArthur Fund at the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation.

In addition, the Foundation supports special, time-limited projects and initiatives that benefit a set of arts organizations or the sector as a whole. Examples include the Arts Opportunity Fund, which supports projects to strengthen culturally specific arts organizations; and the Working Capital Loan Fund, which provides small and medium-sized arts organizations access to capital.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/arts](http://www.macfound.org/arts).

### EDUCATION

Nationally, MacArthur supports a wide-ranging effort to understand how digital media may be changing how young people think, learn, make judgments, and interact with others. If changes are as profound as many believe, there are significant implications for schools and civic institutions, such as the public library. MacArthur has supported the Chicago Public Library to develop a new teen space, YouMedia@CPL. The 21st century learning space at the Harold Washington Library was created to connect young adults, books, media, and institutions throughout the city.

MacArthur has a long history of support for school reform in Chicago. That commitment continues through research

on important urban education issues, including innovations in young people's use of digital media that complement the Foundation's initiative in digital media. The initiative seeks to help local schools, libraries, museums, and other institutions collaborate through technology to enhance young people's learning anytime and anywhere.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/learning](http://www.macfound.org/learning) or [www.youmediachicago.org](http://www.youmediachicago.org).

### JUVENILE JUSTICE

MacArthur's juvenile justice initiative, Models for Change, seeks to create successful and replicable models of reform through targeted investments in key states, including Illinois. It aims to accelerate progress toward a more effective, fair, and developmentally sound juvenile justice system that holds young people accountable for their actions, provides for their rehabilitation, protects them from harm, increases their life chances, and manages the risk they pose to themselves and to the public. Illinois was chosen as one of four core states in the initiative because of its strong juvenile justice leadership, potential for collaboration, community and civic engagement, ongoing reform efforts, and receptivity to and readiness for change. Reform efforts in Illinois focus on three areas that are widely acknowledged to be ripe for improvement: juvenile court jurisdiction, community-based alternatives to secure confinement, and racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/juvenilejustice](http://www.macfound.org/juvenilejustice) or [www.modelsforchange.net](http://www.modelsforchange.net).



### **POLICY RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS**

The Foundation's domestic work includes an explicit focus on public policies that improve the lives of individuals and families and the trajectory of communities. Through its grantmaking, MacArthur supports research, policy analysis and development, and advocacy to inform policy makers and encourage constructive action at the local, state, and national levels.

In Chicago, the policy research program has supported the Woodstock Institute, the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, and other organizations addressing issues that have impeded revitalization of local communities, including poverty, access to financial services, and youth violence, as well as broader questions of fiscal sustainability in Illinois.

For more information visit [www.macfound.org/policy](http://www.macfound.org/policy).

### **CHICAGO'S WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTIONS**

Chicago is an international city, in its neighborhoods, in its commerce, in the work done by its educational research institutions, through the many international associations headquartered in the city, and in the global interests of many who live here. Through its international grantmaking programs, MacArthur provides support to organizations such as the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; the Field Museum; Northwestern University's African Studies Program; the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University; and the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, the National Opinion Research Center, Chapin Hall Center for Children, and the School for Social Service Administration, all at the University of Chicago.

### **LIVING IN A LANDMARK**

Completed in 1895, the 17-story Marquette Building is one of Chicago's earliest skyscrapers, and an example of the

renowned Chicago School of Architecture. As the building's owner, MacArthur was pleased to support its restoration and preservation.

The Marquette Building was designed by the Chicago firm Holabird & Roche, which designed many of the city's early tall office buildings. These new "skyscrapers" had steel skeletons holding up facades of brick and ornamental terra cotta, making them look light compared to their traditional masonry counterparts. The building was designated a Chicago Landmark in 1975 and a National Historic Landmark in 1976.

An exhibit on the history and architecture of the building is located in the arcade, just west of the lobby. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, includes interactive kiosks and also features information about the work and history of the Foundation.

For more information visit [www.marquettebuilding.org](http://www.marquettebuilding.org).



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## REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS

### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS

\$600,000 to support youth development programs in 16 neighborhoods in Chicago (over three years). (2009)

#### BICKERDIKE REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

\$110,000 to support playing a lead role in coordinating the Digital Excellence Demonstration Community program in Humboldt Park (over 15 months). (2009)

#### CENTER FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS

\$2,000,000 to deliver tax counseling, financial education, and other income support and asset-building to working families in 16 neighborhoods that participate in the LISC New Communities Program (over five years). (2008)

#### GREATER SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

\$500,000 to support foreclosure prevention efforts in Southwest Chicago neighborhoods (over two years). (2009)

#### LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

\$400,000 in support of the Home Ownership Preservation Project to provide legal assistance to borrowers seeking to avoid foreclosure in New Communities Program and other Chicago neighborhoods under the Foreclosure Prevention and Mitigation Project (over two years) (2008)

#### LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION

\$26,000,000 in support of the New Communities Program (over five years). (2007)



**METRO CHICAGO INFORMATION CENTER**  
\$1,300,000 to support operation of a neighborhood indicator database in Chicago (over four years). (2008)

**NEIGHBORHOOD LENDING SERVICES**  
\$3,763,125 program-related investment to support financial innovations that help prevent foreclosures and reduce the inventory of vacant residential properties in Chicago. (2009)

**SAFER FOUNDATION**  
\$5,000,000 in support for implementation of Safer Return, a prisoner reentry demonstration in Chicago's Garfield Park neighborhood (over four years). (2007)

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST**  
\$400,000 in support of the monitoring, technical assistance, and advisory role to mixed-income developments under the Plan for Transformation (over three years). (2007)

**CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY**  
\$400,000 in support of participation in The Preservation Compact (over three years). (2010)

**DEPAUL UNIVERSITY**  
\$3,500,000 in support of a data clearinghouse, research, and a council to coordinate public agencies that are key members of the Preservation Compact (over three years). (2007)

**HEARTLAND HUMAN CARE SERVICES**  
\$600,000 in support of Improving Outcomes for Hard-to-House public housing families (over four years). (2006)

**LISC COOK COUNTY HOUSING PRESERVATION**  
\$10,000,000 program-related investment to create the Preservation Compact Fund. (2009)

**MERCY HOUSING LAKEFRONT**  
\$1,750,000 program-related investment to support the preservation of affordable rental housing in the Chicago area as part of the Window of Opportunity: Preserving Affordable Rental Housing initiative. (2008)

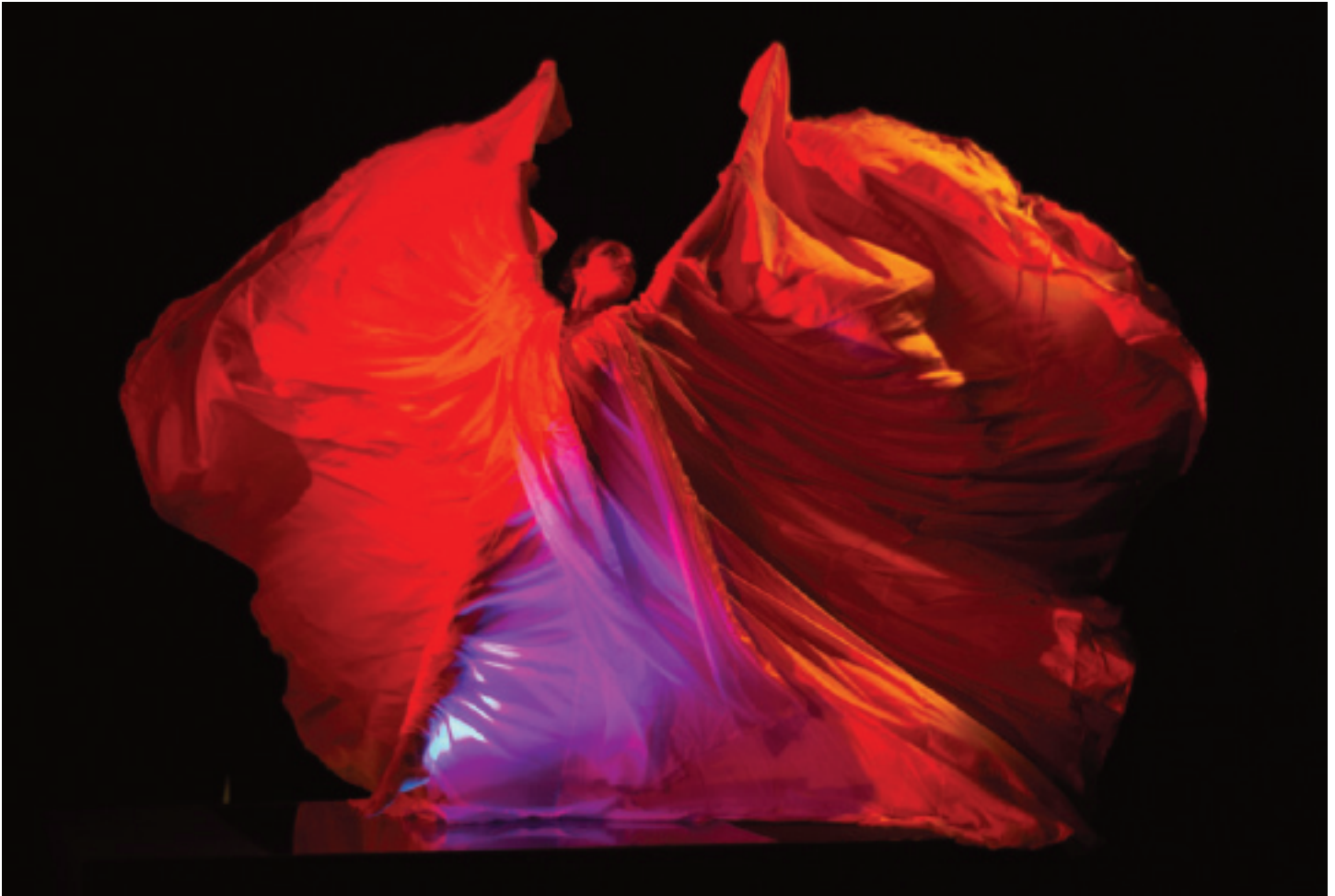
**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
*Evanston*  
\$3,900,000 in support of the Research Network on How Housing Matters to Families and Children (over three years). (2010)

### ARTS AND CULTURE

#### General Operating Support Grants

#### **Direct Funding**

*The 48 arts and culture grantees listed below receive funding directly from the MacArthur Foundation. The amount of support for each of these groups is based on its budget size: organizations with budgets of \$2 to \$5 million receive \$50,000 per year; those with budgets of \$5 to \$10 million receive \$60,000 per year; groups with budgets of \$10 to \$20 million*



*receive \$75,000 per year; and the largest organizations, with budgets over \$20 million, receive \$100,000 per year.*

Adler Planetarium

Art Institute

After School Matters

Chicago Academy of Sciences,  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Chicago Architecture Foundation

Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago Children's Choir

Chicago Children's Museum

Chicago History Museum

Chicago Humanities Festival

Chicago Opera Theater

Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Chicago Zoological Society,  
Brookfield Zoo

Court Theatre

DuSable Museum of African American  
History

Facets Multimedia

Field Museum

Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust

Goodman Theatre

Grant Park Orchestral Association

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

John G. Shedd Aquarium

Kohl Children's Museum of  
Greater Chicago

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Illinois' Humanities Council  
League of Chicago Theatres  
Lincoln Park Zoo  
Lookingglass Theatre Company  
Lyric Opera  
Merit School of Music  
Morton Arboretum  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Museum of Science and Industry  
National Museum of Mexican Art  
Newberry Library  
Northlight Theatre  
Old Town School of Folk Music  
Ravinia Festival  
Sherwood Conservatory of Music,  
Columbia College  
Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
The Joffrey Ballet  
The Smart Museum of Art,  
The University of Chicago  
Urban Gateways  
Victory Gardens Theater  
WBEZ Alliance  
Writers' Theatre  
WTTW Channel 11  
WYCC-TV Channel 20, City Colleges  
of Chicago

**MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture  
at the Prince Charitable Trusts**

*Through a re-granting relationship with the Prince Charitable Trusts, the Foundation supports a total of 41 mid-sized arts organizations with general operating funds. In 2008, this fund awarded 41 grants totaling over \$1 million in new or renewed support to organizations such as the Black Ensemble Theatre, River North Chicago Dance Company, and Music of the Baroque.*

**MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture  
at the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation**

*Through a re-granting relationship with the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, the Foundation supports 74 organizations with general operating funds. Between 2008 and 2009, this Fund awarded 52 grants totaling over \$900,000 in new or renewed support to small arts and cultural organizations such as Free Street Theatre, eighth blackbird Performing Arts Association, and Links Hall.*

**Small Theater and Dance Fund at  
the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation**

*MacArthur co-funds the Small Theater and Dance Fund with the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation. This Fund supports 47 companies with budgets less than \$150,000. In 2008, this Fund awarded 40 new or renewed grants to the smallest theatre and dance organizations such as Lucky Plush Productions, Mary Archie Theatre Company, and Teatro Luna.*

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**

DUPAGE COUNTY, 18TH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT DEPARTMENT OF  
PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES  
Wheaton

\$315,250 to support DuPage County's participation as a demonstration site in Illinois Models for Change (over two years). (2008)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CIVITAS CHILDLAW CENTER  
\$670,000 in support of activities as the lead entity for Illinois Models for Change (over two years). (2008)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW  
\$356,000 to support the Children and Family Justice Center for coordinating Illinois' participation in the Mental Health/

Juvenile Justice Action Network as part of Illinois Models for Change (over two years). (2009)

YOUTH OUTREACH SERVICES  
\$350,000 in support of Cook County's participation as a model demonstration site in Illinois Models for Change (over two years). (2008)

**POLICY RESEARCH**

ADVANCE ILLINOIS  
\$300,000 to support identification of policy issues and to inform public discussion of educational reform in Illinois (over three years). (2008)

CIVIC FEDERATION  
\$750,000 in support of general operations (over three years). (2008)

SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL  
CENTER ON POVERTY LAW  
\$500,000 in support of general operations (over four years). (2006)

**DIGITAL MEDIA AND LEARNING**

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION  
\$1,050,000 in support of YouMedia@CPL (over three years). (2010)

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY  
\$475,000 to implement a learning network of schools, libraries, museums, after-school programs, online communities, and the home in Chicago. (2009)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CONSORTIUM  
ON CHICAGO SCHOOL RESEARCH  
\$800,000 to support studies of digital media use by Chicago public school students (over three years). (2009)

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