



Grantees & Investments

GRANTS

American Red Cross – Arkansas Region

To support disaster relief assistance for Arkansas communities affected by tornados and flooding..... \$25,000

Argenta Community Development Corporation

To support the development of resident leadership, increased affordable housing options, and increased youth development opportunities in the Holt and Baring Cross communities..... \$118,200

Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science, Inc.

To support the development and provision of high-quality advanced placement Math and Science programs in high-need Arkansas high schools \$200,000

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

To support AACF’s mission to support low income children and families through research, education, communications, coalition-building, and policy advocacy \$250,000

Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges

To establish the Center for Student Success that will focus on public policy development and disseminate lessons learned related to the removal of critical barriers to student success, and support the efforts of Arkansas two-year colleges to access federal and state resources \$200,000

Arkansas Baptist College

To support the development of a campus-based, male-focused recruitment and retention program, and build a framework for a state-level "best practices" learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education..... \$110,000

Arkansas Coalition for Excellence

To support ACE’s mission to strengthen Arkansas nonprofits..... \$150,000

Arkansas Coalition of Housing and Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment

To support the development of affordable housing policies, a stronger affordable housing advocacy network, service provider best practices, and affordable housing options across the state \$137,000

Arkansas Department of Education

To support the strategic implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI)

\$250,000

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

To support the placement of three Career Coaches in high need Pulaski County high schools

\$258,500

Arkansas Economic Acceleration Foundation

To support Accelerate Arkansas’s work to foster economic growth, increase per capita income, and reduce poverty in Arkansas.....

\$100,000

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

To support disaster relief assistance for Arkansas communities affected by tornados and flooding.....

\$25,000

Arkansas Humanities Council

To support the Raising Education Achievement and Competence in the Humanities (REACH) mini-grant program for professional development of humanities teachers in Arkansas.....

\$300,000

Arkansas Policy Foundation

To support a study that explores how the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) positively impacts Arkansas’s income measures, and how increases in EITC participation could improve these measures.....

\$7,500

Arkansas Public Policy Panel

To support APPP’s mission to engage low wealth communities in community development and public policy advocacy

\$286,000

Arkansas Public Policy Panel – Arkansas United Community Coalition

To support grassroots organizing and community-building in immigrant communities through the Arkansas United Community Coalition.....

\$30,000

Arkansas Rice Depot

To support disaster relief assistance for Arkansas communities affected by tornados and flooding.....

\$25,000

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund

To provide operational and developmental support for the Poverty to Prosperity Project

\$200,000

Arkansas State University

To support the development of an African-American male-focused recruitment and retention program, and a state-level “best practices” learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education.....

\$150,000

Arkansas State University – Arkansas Out of School Network

To provide match for funding received from the C.S. Mott Foundation to support the development of quality “out-of-school” time opportunities in rural Arkansas communities \$75,000

Arkansas State University Mountain Home

To support a consortium of local community entities led by Arkansas State University Mountain Home in the creation of a strategic plan for reducing poverty in Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Searcy, and Stone counties..... \$84,168

Arkansas State University Mountain Home

To support the expansion of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Baxter, Jefferson, Mississippi, Polk, and Pulaski Counties..... \$145,000

Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) – ALPFA Institute

To support the development of stronger pathways to high school graduation and higher education for Latino youth in northwest Arkansas \$50,000

Boys and Girls Club of Central Arkansas

To support the development of community-based programs and a state-level “best practices” learning community to increase college retention and graduation rates among marginalized males in the state of Arkansas \$150,000

Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center

To support BGACDC’s mission to build community competency in youth development, intergenerational community development, economic development, housing, and leadership development \$211,000

Catholic Diocese of Little Rock – Catholic Charities Immigration Services

To support immigrant integration services in Arkansas through the provision of direct services \$75,000

The Center for Leadership Innovation, Inc.

To support TCLI’s partnership with the Arkansas Coalition for Excellence (ACE) and One Community! Una Comunidad! to establish the Arkansas Latino Nonprofit Leadership Academy..... \$140,000

Central Arkansas Development Council

To support the expansion of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites in Central Arkansas..... \$50,758

CityYouth Ministries, Inc.

To support the implementation of City Youth’s college readiness programs focused on African American males and support the development of a state level “best practices” learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education..... \$150,000

Clinton School District No. 1 – Arkansas 21C Network

To support the Arkansas School of the 21st Century Leadership Council \$50,000

Desha County – McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center (MDACC)

To support MDACC’s mission to provide educational programs and workforce training to residents of Desha County and neighboring counties \$9,450

Economic Opportunity Agency of Washington County, Inc. – Northwest Arkansas Tax Center

To support the expansion of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites in Northwest Arkansas .. \$50,000

Food Bank of North Central Arkansas – Arkansas Communities Connecting Effective Services for Success

To support the implementation of resident-focused community development processes in low-wealth communities across Arkansas \$70,000

Henderson State University

To support the development of an African-American male-focused recruitment and retention program and a state-level “best practices” learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education \$135,000

Houseaboutit, Inc.

To support the implementation of community and economic development plans for rural communities across the Arkansas Delta..... \$125,000

Jobs for the Future

To participate in the “Achieving the Dream” national demonstration project to measurably improve student outcomes \$750,000

The Jones Center for Families, Inc.

To enhance the Jones Center’s efforts to develop critical community, business, and philanthropic partnerships in support of its mission to strengthen families in Northwest Arkansas..... \$200,000

Kiwanis Activities, Inc.

To support the development of a community-based program and a state-level “best practices” learning community to increase college retention and graduation rates for marginalized males in the state of Arkansas \$150,000

Main St. Dumas – Delta Technology Education Center

To support the development of the Delta Technology and Education Center in Dumas, Arkansas \$75,000

MDC, Inc.

To enable four Arkansas two-year institutions to participate in the “Achieving the Dream” national demonstration project to measurably improve student outcomes \$1,196,957

Mid-Delta Community Consortium

To support the Arkansas Delta Freedom Schools Collaborative in its efforts to improve high school graduation and college attendance rates in four Arkansas Delta communities \$400,000

Migration Policy Institute

To update A Profile of Immigrants in Arkansas, the WRF funded study released in 2007 that provided the first comprehensive picture of the demographics and economic impact of immigrant families in the state..... \$259,000

Mississippi County Arkansas Economic Opportunity Commission – Delta Community Development and Law Center, Inc. (DCDLC)

To support DCDLC’s mission to increase the scale, efficiency, and consistency of affordable housing production across the Delta areas of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi..... \$39,920

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy

To support research on foundation funding to nonprofits in Arkansas for advocacy, community organizing, and civic engagement that benefits vulnerable or marginalized populations..... \$30,000

National Park Community College

To participate in the “Achieving the Dream” national demonstration project to measurably improve student outcomes \$400,000

Northwest Arkansas Workers’ Justice Center

To support a campaign to stop wage theft from low-wage immigrant construction workers in northwest Arkansas \$132,850

P.A.R.K. Foundation

To enhance P.A.R.K.’s existing college readiness programs focused on African American males and support the development of a state level “best practices” learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education..... \$150,000

Philander Smith College

To support the development of a campus-based, male-focused recruitment and retention program, and build a framework for a state-level "best practices" learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education..... \$150,000

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

To participate in the “Achieving the Dream” national demonstration project to measurably improve student outcomes \$400,000

Pulaski Technical College Foundation, Inc.

To support the development of a campus-based, male-focused recruitment and retention program, and build a framework for a state level "best practices" learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education..... \$50,000

Rural Community Alliance

To support efforts to engage Arkansas citizens in the Formula Fairness Campaign focused on ensuring that rural communities receive a more equitable share of federal Title I education funds \$26,600

Rural Community Alliance

To support the implementation of resident-focused community development processes in low-wealth communities across Arkansas \$75,000

The Schott Foundation for Public Education

To support Arkansas’s participation in the multi-state, multi-year Opportunity to Learn Campaign coordinated by The Schott Foundation for Public Education \$200,000

Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District

To support efforts in Southwest Arkansas to connect youth who are at risk of dropping out of school to education and workforce services..... \$100,000

The STAND Foundation, Inc.

To support the development of leadership and civic engagement training programs for marginalized males in partnership with state institutions of higher education \$135,000

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

To support, in partnership with the School of Social Work and School of Journalism, a pilot demonstration of independent qualitative and quantitative data gathering tools in support of the WRF Grantee Outcomes Assessment Learning System (GOALS) \$100,000

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

To support the development of a campus-based, male-focused recruitment and retention program, and build a framework for a state-level "best practices" learning community specific to the issue of marginalized males and higher education \$150,000

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

To expand Reading Recovery, a research based K-3 comprehensive literacy intervention as part of the Arkansas Campaign for Grade Level Reading \$400,000

University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

To support the Conway County School Counts! Initiative, which is focused on increasing high school graduation, college-going, and college graduation rates for Conway County K-12 students..... \$125,000

University of Arkansas for Medical Science

To support design and construction of a new cancer treatment center for the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute..... \$9,338,675

University of Arkansas Foundation

To support the Center for Community Philanthropy to develop comprehensive plans to reduce the effects of poverty locally through community-driven change in several rural communities..... \$175,000

University of Arkansas Foundation

To provide match funding for the Center on Community Philanthropy at the Clinton School of Public Service in support of their W.K. Kellogg America Healing Initiative grant..... \$150,000

University of Central Arkansas – Center for Community and Economic Development

To support development and provision of leadership training and technical assistance services to public sector leaders of small municipalities in the state of Arkansas \$105,000

Winthrop Rockefeller Centennial Celebration

To provide general support for the Winthrop Rockefeller Centennial Celebration \$25,000

Women's Foundation of Arkansas

To support the organizational development of the Women’s Foundation of Arkansas to reduce poverty among women and girls in Arkansas \$103,000

Youth Strategies

To support efforts in Northwest Arkansas to connect immigrant youth to education and workforce services \$100,000

RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT GRANTS

Arkansas Community Foundation

Affiliate Leadership in Philanthropy Helps Arkansas (ALPHA) Initiative, to encourage growth of locally-based community foundation affiliates \$3,050,000

Arkansas Community Foundation

Science Mini-grant and Technology Initiative, to encourage community foundation affiliate engagement in encouraging science and math teachers to develop innovative hands-on ouachiing techniques \$4,000,000

University of Arkansas Foundation

To endow Leukemia and Lymphoma Program Clinical and Research Chairs at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute \$3,000,000

PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENTS

alt.Consulting

Loan to match federal U.S. Small Business Administration funding to encourage small business development and entrepreneurship in the Arkansas Delta..... \$75,000

Better Community Development, Inc.

Line of Credit Guarantee to support BCD's affordable housing development in central Little Rock \$200,000

Diamond State Ventures II, LLC

Venture Capital Investment focusing on Arkansas's economic growth and job creation \$500,000

Financing Ozarks Rural Growth and Economy, Inc.

Loan to encourage small business development and entrepreneurship \$200,000

Fund for Arkansas' Future

Venture Capital Investment to encourage small business development and entrepreneurship \$500,000

Southern Bancorp

Stock Purchase to encourage development in economically depressed Arkansas communities..... \$2,000,000

Southern Bancorp

Stock Purchase to encourage development in economically depressed Arkansas communities..... \$250,000

Southern Bancorp

Stock Purchase to encourage development in economically depressed Arkansas communities..... \$1,155,000