Funding Opportunities: Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities

The SWOT analysis for this theme states there are “Significant external opportunities for funding work in these areas (NSF, NIH, Department of Education, as well as major foundations such as Ford, Carnegie, Spencer),” while acknowledging that “less external funding is available and competition is increasing.” Compared to the other themes, researchers working on “Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities” must search for funding opportunities in a wider range of sources. Many of these sources are private foundations with specific and often narrow missions. Matching one’s research interests to one of these missions can be a challenge, but help is available through the Office of Research and Graduate Studies (Pre-Award Services) and the Hall Center for the Humanities (Grant Development Services).

Another important resource is the Community of Science online service, which provides information about funding sources for researchers in virtually all fields – even non-science ones. Its database profiles 500,000 researchers worldwide to help you identify potential collaborators. It also offers an electronic alert service that provides customized electronic notices of funding opportunities from a database that is updated daily and contains over 400,000 opportunities. These and other services are available at no cost to KU researchers at http://www.rgs.ku.edu/funding/cos.shtml. Also of note, the National Organization of Research Development Professionals offers a list of specifically collaborative research grant opportunities that anyone may access at http://www.nordp.org/funding-opportunities.

The morning presentations for the January 20, 2012 summit focus on five research clusters, which the planning committee regards as excellent opportunities – though by no means the only ones – for funded research, future hiring, and other investments. The clusters are:

- Addressing Disparities and Promoting Social Justice
- Migration and Changing Communities
- Healthy Children, Healthy Communities
- Building Communities Through Public Health and Health Access
- Expanding Opportunities Through Education

What follows is a sampling of the many funding sources that relate to these clusters and the overall theme. Given the breadth of possible topics and sources, as well as the changing interests and requirements of these organizations, it is not possible to match the sources to the clusters. Instead, they are presented alphabetically with some descriptive information and a link to a web site. Researchers interested in the “Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities” theme are encouraged to explore this list and drill down for more details. You are also encouraged to utilize the online and in-person services referenced above.

Co-Chairs: Marta Caminero-Santangelo, Derrick Darby, Don Deshler, Steven Maynard-Moody
American Council of Learned Societies
The mission of the American Council of Learned Societies is the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences, particularly the Collaborative Research Fellowship.
http://www.acls.org/programs/comps/

Anheuser Busch Foundation
Since 1997, Anheuser-Busch and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation have contributed nearly $475 million to charitable organizations, including those that support education, the environment, economic development, disaster preparedness/relief.
http://foundation.anheuser-busch.com/Apply.aspx

Asian Cultural Council
The Asian Cultural Council’s mission is to support international dialogue, understanding, and respect through cultural exchanges and to nurture the individual talents of artists and scholars in the U.S. and Asia.
http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org/?page_id=26

Carnegie Corporation of New York
The Carnegie Corporation seeks to “promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.” In keeping with this mandate, it incorporates an affirmation of an historic role as an education foundation but also honors Andrew Carnegie's passion for international peace and the health of our democracy.
www.carnegie.org

CHS Foundation – Building Vibrant Communities
CHS Foundation mini-grants support innovative academic and leadership programs that strengthen student learning and enhance professional development. Grants are typically administered through universities, colleges and organizations reaching collegiate students.
http://www.chsfoundation.org/upartnerships.html

Ciang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange
The foundation seeks, through scholarly exchange, to widen and expand the scope of research on Chinese civilization in order to establish it as a part of the common heritage of humankind.
http://www.cckf.org/e-donation.htm

Coca-Cola Foundation
Our community investment priorities reflect the global and local nature of our business and focuses on those global pillars where the Coca-Cola Company can make a unique and sustainable difference: water stewardship, active healthy living, community recycling, and education.
http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/application_guidelines.html

Commonwealth Fund
The fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. We are dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, low-income families, minorities, and the uninsured.
Copland Fund for Music, Aaron
The fund maintains three separate grant programs in support of contemporary American music, each with its own objectives and annual application deadline.
https://grants.coplandfund.org/

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
A program of project grants primarily supports archaeological research, as well as materials analysis and photographic surveys of objects and monuments.
http://www.doaks.org/research/

Eurasian and East European Research, National Council for
NCEER was created to develop and sustain long-term, high-quality programs for post-doctoral research on the social, political, economic, environmental, and historical development of Eurasia and Central and Eastern Europe. From broad, cross-cultural analyses to more focused studies of particular problems.
http://www.nceeer.org/Programs/programs.php

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation
Areas of interest to the fund are: studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems.
http://www.fahsbeckfund.org/grant_programs.html

Family Conservancy
Championing the healthy development of children by supporting parents and families and promoting quality early education.
http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/grants-and-scholarships.html

FINRA Investor Education Foundation
Through our General Grant Program, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation funds research and educational projects that support its mission of providing underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life.
http://www.finrafoundation.org/programs/

Ford Foundation
Our grant making focuses on reducing poverty and injustice; promoting democratic values; and advancing human knowledge, creativity and achievement.
http://www.fordfoundation.org/Grants

Foundation for Child Development
FCD seeks to understand children, particularly the disadvantaged, and to promote their well-being.
http://www.fcd-us.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=447982
Gates Foundation, Bill and Melinda
To invest resources most responsibly, the foundation begins by asking:
- What affects the most people?
- What has been neglected?
- Where can we make the greatest change?
- How can we harness innovative solutions and technologies?
- How can we work in partnership with experts, governments, and businesses?

Next, we look for projects that:
- Produce measurable results
- Use preventive approaches
- Promise significant and long-lasting change
- Leverage support from other sources
- Accelerate work the foundation already supports

http://www.gatesfoundation.org/grantseeker/Pages/foundation-grant-making-priorities.aspx

GRAMMY Foundation
Grant program awards grants to organizations and individuals to support research on the impact of music on the human condition. Examples might include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition and healing, as well as the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals and the creative process underlying music.

http://www.grammy.org/grammy-foundation/grants

Guggenheim Foundation, John Simon
Guggenheim Fellowships assist individual research and artistic creation and are made for a period of six to 12 months. The purpose of the program is to help provide blocks of time in which fellow can work with as much creative freedom as possible. Grants are made freely. No special conditions attach to them, and fellows may spend their grant funds in any manner they deem necessary to their work.

http://www.gf.org/

Hewlett Foundation, William and Flora
The foundation has been making grants since 1967 to solve social and environmental problems at home and around the world.

www.hewlett.org

Honda Corporate
Help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits.


Kansas Governor’s Grant Program
The program administers funds to organizations that aim to enhance the criminal justice system, improve public safety, support crime victim services, and prevent violence and drug abuse.

https://www.kansas.gov/grants/index.do
Kansas Health Foundation
The Kansas Health Foundation is driven by a mission to improve the health of all Kansans. To accomplish its mission, the Kansas Health Foundation’s Board of Directors approved the following focus areas:

- Promoting the healthy behaviors of Kansans
- Strengthening the public health system
- Improving access to health care for Kansas children
- Providing health data and information to policymakers
- Building civic leadership
- Growing community philanthropy

http://www.kansashealth.org/grantmaking

Kauffman Foundation, Ewing Marion
Our vision is to foster “a society of economically independent individuals who are engaged citizens, contributing to the improvement of their communities.” In service of this vision, and in keeping with our founder’s wishes, we focus our grant making and operations on two areas: advancing entrepreneurship and improving the education of children and youth.

http://www.kauffman.org/kfs/Travel-Grants-Program.aspx

Kellogg Foundation, W. K.
We support an integrated whole child approach. For us, this includes ensuring the emotional, social, cognitive, physical, cultural and civic development of young children, ages 0-8.

http://www.wkkf.org/grants/for-grantseekers.aspx

Knight Foundation
The Knight Foundation supports transformational ideas that promote quality journalism, advance media innovation, engage communities and foster the arts. We believe that democracy thrives when people and communities are informed and engaged.

http://www.knightfoundation.org/what-we-fund/

Koch Institute, Charles
The Charles Koch Institute educates and trains professionals on the importance of economic freedom and how it increases well-being for the overwhelming majority of people. Through the institute's professional education, research, and training programs, we work to prepare professionals for careers in advancing economic freedom.

http://www.charleskochinstitute.org/

Kresge Foundation
We are a $3.1 billion private, national foundation that seeks to improve the quality of life for future generations through seven programs – arts and culture, community development, Detroit, education, the environment, health and human services.

http://www.kresge.org/funding

Kress Foundation, Samuel H.
We support the work of individuals and institutions engaged with the appreciation, interpretation, preservation, study and teaching of the history of European art and architecture from antiquity to the dawn of the modern era.

Library and Information Resources, Council on
CLIR is an independent, nonprofit organization that forges strategies to enhance research, teaching, and learning environments in collaboration with libraries, cultural institutions, and communities of higher learning.
http://www.clir.org/fellowships/fellowships.html

Lindbergh Foundation, Charles A. and Anne Morrow
Lindbergh grants are made in the following categories:
- Agriculture
- Aviation/Aerospace
- Conservation of Natural Resources - Including Animals, Plants, Water, and General Conservation (Land, Air, Energy, Etc.)
- Education - Including Humanities/ Education, The Arts, and Intercultural Communication
- Exploration
- Health - Including Biomedical Research, Health and Population Sciences, and Adaptive Technology
- Waste Minimization and Management
- A Jonathan Lindbergh Brown Grant may be given to a project to support adaptive technology or biomedical research which seeks to redress imbalance between an individual and his or her human environment.
http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/docs/index.php/our-grants/funded-grant-projects

MacArthur Foundation, John D. and Catherine T.
U.S. programs address issues in the United States, including community and economic development; housing, with a focus on the preservation of affordable rental housing; juvenile justice reform; education, with a focus on digital media and learning; and policy research and analysis on issues such as the implications of an aging society, America's fiscal future, and the use of economic analysis in policy making.
http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.306F/US_Programs.htm

Marchionne Foundation, Anthony
Since 2003 the Anthony Marchionne Foundation has supported research on issues of well-being. The Foundation currently emphasizes two specific research areas:
- **Aspects of life-singlehood.** The Foundation continues to support researchers who pursue original work on the dynamics of the never-married. We provide support to investigators in a variety of disciplines.
- **Health, medicine, and behavior.** The Foundation is interested in supporting small-scale studies on the interface between health, medicine, and behavior. The intent is to fund pilot work that the investigator can use as the basis of a large-scale, major grant application.
http://public.wsu.edu/~socpsych/anthony_marchionne.foundation.htm

McCormick Foundation
The Robert R. McCormick Foundation is committed to fostering communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. The foundation helps develop citizen leaders and works to make life better in our communities.
http://mccormickfoundation.org/page.aspx?pid=635
**McManus Charitable Trust Grants, Peter F.**
The Peter F. McManus Charitable Trust will make grants of up to $50,000 for research into the causes of alcohol and other drug addiction. A total of $150,000 to $200,000 in grants will be awarded this year to support basic, clinical, and social-environmental research.


**Mott Foundation, Charles Stewart**
The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation affirms its founder’s vision of a world in which each of us is in partnership with the rest of the human race—where each individual's quality of life is connected to the well-being of the community, both locally and globally. Areas of focus are Civil Society, Environment, Pathways out of Poverty, and Exploratory and Special Projects.


**Ms. Foundation for Women**
The foundation builds women's collective power to ignite change across the U.S. Guided by a vision of a just and safe world where power and possibility are not limited by gender, race, class, sexuality, disability or age, we believe that equity and inclusion are the cornerstones of a true democracy in which the worth and dignity of every person are valued.

[http://ms.foundation.org/](http://ms.foundation.org/)

**Multi-Arts Production Fund**
MAP supports artists, ensembles, producers and presenters whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance embodies this spirit of exploration and deep inquiry. MAP is particularly interested in supporting work that examines notions of cultural difference or “the other,” be that in class, gender, generation, race, religion, sexual orientation or other aspects of diversity.

[http://mapfund.org/apply.html](http://mapfund.org/apply.html)

**Museum and Library Services, Institute of**
The institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.


**National Endowment for the Arts**
NEA is an independent grant-making agency of the U.S. government dedicated to supporting artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.


**National Endowment for the Humanities**
NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the U.S. government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. Of particular note is the Collaborative Research Grant [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collaborative.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collaborative.html).

[http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html#bridging](http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html#bridging)
National Science Foundation

- Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences  
- Education and Human Resources  
- Office of Integrative Activities  

New Economic Thinking, Institute for

Generally, INET is interested in funding work that breaks new ground in one or more of the following fields:

- Sources and remedies of financial instability
- Institutional design for radical (Knightian) uncertainty
- Political economy of the state and public goods provision
- Political economy of income and wealth distribution
- Corporate governance in an age of economic globalization
- Human capability and economic development

http://ineteconomics.org/grants

Noyce Foundation

The Noyce Foundation has focused on math, science, and supporting work in research and policy. Much of our focus has been on improving instruction in math, science, and early literacy in public schools. Our informal science initiative includes support for leadership development in science centers.

http://www.noycefdn.org/index.php

Oak Foundation

Oak Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global, social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged.

www.oakfnd.org

PepsiCo Foundation

PepsiCo Foundation is committed to developing sustainable partnerships and programs in underserved regions that provide opportunities to improve health, the environment and inclusion.

http://www.pepsico.com/Purpose/PepsiCo-Foundation/What-We-Fund.html

Retirement Research Foundation

The RRF gives funding priority to efforts that address:

- Economic security
- Affordable and supportive housing
- Coordinating care when older persons transfer from one care setting to another
- Person-centered long-term care
- Mental health

http://www.rrf.org/grants

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Its program areas include public health, childhood obesity, and vulnerable populations.

http://www.rwjf.org/
Rockefeller Foundation
The focus of the Rockefeller Foundation resources and energies are on five interconnected issue areas:

- **Basic Survival Safeguards.** Secure food, water, housing and infrastructure
- **Global Health.** Accessible, affordable and equitable health services and systems
- **Climate and Environment.** Sustainable growth and resilience to climate change
- **Urbanization.** Solutions for fast-growing cities
- **Social & Economic Security.** Stronger safety nets, reinvigorated citizenship, re-imagined policy frameworks

http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/grants/what-we-fund

Sage Foundation, Russell
The RSF currently provides support to scholars at other institutions to pursue research projects that advance the Foundation’s objectives in five main research areas: the Future of Work, Immigration, Cultural Contact, Social Inequality, and Behavioral Economics.

http://www.russellsage.org/research/categories/current-research-programs

Silberman Fund, Lois and Samuel
The Silberman Fund seeks to stimulate and support faculty and professional research that will add to the body of knowledge on emerging social problems, facilitate the development of practice skills to address these issues, and infuse new knowledge and skills into the curricula of graduate education.

http://www.socialservicegrants.org/grant.html

Sloan Foundation, Alfred P.
The foundation is unique in its focus on science, technology, and economic institutions. It believes the scholars and practitioners who work in these fields are chief drivers of the nation’s health and prosperity.

http://www.sloan.org/apply

Smith Richardson Foundation
The mission of the foundation is to contribute to important public debates and to help address serious public policy challenges facing the U.S.. The foundation seeks to help ensure the vitality of our social, economic, and governmental institutions. It also seeks to assist with the development of effective policies to compete internationally and to advance U.S. interests and values abroad.

http://www.srf.org/

Smithsonian Institution
Shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world.

- Archives of American Art
  http://www.si.edu/ResearchCenters/Archives-American-Art
- Smithsonian Institution Archives
  http://www.si.edu/ResearchCenters/SI-Archives
- Smithsonian Institution Libraries (SIL)
  http://www.si.edu/ResearchCenters/SI-Libraries
**Sociological Initiatives Foundation**
The foundation specifically supports research that focuses on:
- Social policy objectives
- Institutional and educational practices
- Legislative and regulatory changes
- Linguistic issues (e.g. literacy, language loss and maintenance, language policy, language and national security, bilingualism, language and gender, language and law, language disabilities, language and health, language and education, different language cultures).
- Development of community capacity and organization of previously unorganized groups


**Spencer Foundation**
The foundation has identified the following five areas of inquiry:
- Education and Social Opportunity
  [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/education-and-social-opportunity](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/education-and-social-opportunity)
- Organizational Learning
  [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/organizational-learning](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/organizational-learning)
- Purposes and Values of Education
  [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/purposes-and-values-of-education](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/purposes-and-values-of-education)
- Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources
  [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/teaching-learning-and-instructional-resources](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/teaching-learning-and-instructional-resources)
- Field-Initiated Proposals
  [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/field-initiated-proposals](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/field-initiated-proposals)

**Stupski Foundation**
Steadfast in our mission of expanding life options for children of color and poverty, our new strategy calls students to the forefront of change. We see students and teachers leading a learning revolution that reinvents American education.
[www.stupski.org](http://www.stupski.org)

**Sumners Foundation, Inc., Hatton W.**
The foundation supports programs and activities that will result in an increased understanding by the public of the benefits of individual freedom and civic and personal responsibility, and the corresponding threat to liberty posed by a lack of informed, active participation by citizens at all levels of government.
[http://www.hattonsumners.org/grantguidelines.htm](http://www.hattonsumners.org/grantguidelines.htm)

**Sunflower Foundation**
Our vision is to direct resources toward helping people and communities achieve and maintain optimal health by improving access to health care and information, eliminating barriers, emphasizing prevention and promoting healthy environments that enable and support personal responsibility for health.

**Templeton Foundation, John**
The John Templeton Foundation serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. We support research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will.
[http://www.templeton.org/what-we-fund/funding-priorities](http://www.templeton.org/what-we-fund/funding-priorities)
Tinker Foundation
The foundation’s institutional grants are available to organizations with projects addressing democratic governance, growth, security, sustainable resource management, or education issues in Latin America. Some grants are also available to institutions engaged in informing the public about Latin America and U.S. policy toward the region, as well as for environmental research and governance work in Antarctica.
http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/tinker/field_research_grants.html

Turner Foundation
The foundation has four program areas and makes grants for work in the areas of Water and Toxics, Energy and Transportation, Habitat, and Population.
http://www.turnerfoundation.org/grants/pa.asp#h

U.S. Agency for International Development
USAID has long recognized the U.S. higher education community as a national asset and a valued partner in international development. The majority of USAID funding is competitively awarded through specific requests or invitations. If your institution has a good idea which is linked to an Agency sector or specific country strategy, for which there are no competitive opportunities, USAID accepts, for review, well-conceived, innovative unsolicited concept papers and proposals that advance U.S. foreign assistance objectives.
http://www.usaid.gov/university/

U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Business Development
- Rural Development Loan Assistance
  http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Loans.html

U.S. Department of Commerce
http://www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/grants-contracting-trade-opportunities

U.S. Department of Defense
- Defense Medical Research and Development Program

U.S. Department of Education
- Institute of Education Sciences
  http://ies.ed.gov/funding/
- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/programs.html
- Office of English Language Acquisition
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/funding.html
- Office of Innovation and Improvement
  http://www.ed.gov/oii-news/oii-program-offices
- Office of Postsecondary Education
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/programs.html
- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative services
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/programs.html
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Green and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program
  http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grplead.cfm
- Healthy Homes Demonstration Program
  http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/hhi/hhd.cfm

U.S. Department of Justice
The Office on Violence Against Women funds 21 programs. Three of these programs are “formula” programs. This means that the enacting legislation also specifies how the funds are to be distributed. The remaining 18 programs are “discretionary” in that the office has the responsibility to create the program parameters, qualifications, eligibility, and deliverables.
http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/ovwgrantprograms.htm

U.S. Department of Transportation
http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=58543

Verizon Foundation
The foundation focuses efforts on two primary areas: education and literacy, and safety and health. We participate in innovative programs to improve literacy and strengthen education achievement for children and adults. We support initiatives that help prevent domestic violence and improve access to healthcare information and services.
http://foundation.verizon.com/core/index.shtml

Walmart Foundation
Through financial contributions, in-kind donations and volunteerism, the Walmart Foundation supports initiatives focused on enhancing opportunities in our four main focus areas:
- Education
- Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Wellness

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.
The foundation is dedicated to the advancement of anthropology throughout the world. Through programs of funding for research projects, conferences, symposia, fellowships, and publication, the foundation aids basic research in all branches of anthropology and closely related disciplines concerned with human origins, development and variation.
http://www.wennergren.org/programs/post-phd-research-grants

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