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From promoting governmental transparency in Africa to supporting grassroots theater in a San Jose neighborhood, **The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** announced more than \$90 million in new grants to 263 organizations.

Organizations receiving grants ranged from the Menlo Park-based foundation across the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the world in the foundation's six primary areas of grantmaking: global development, education, performing arts, philanthropy, the environment, and population.

The Global Development Program, which is dedicated to reducing extreme poverty in the developing world, made \$24.4 million in grants to 36 organizations.

The Education Program, which makes grants to improve education across California and around the world, awarded \$9.5 million in grants to 42 organizations.

A grant of \$750,000 went to the Community Open Learning Initiative at Carnegie Mellon University. Developers of the initiative will use a team of educators, experts in learning, specialists in human-computer interaction and software designers to create what they hope will be a more effective way to teach math and English to community college students.

A grant of \$300,000 was made to California Forward, a bipartisan organization working to reform the state's government, to help state legislative staffers learn more about key issues in California education policy.

The Performing Arts Program, the largest funder of performing arts organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, made \$5.9 million in grants to 49 organizations.

Providing broad and diverse opportunities to participate in the arts is one goal of Hewlett's grantmaking in the performing arts. A \$180,000 grant went to Somos Mayfair, which uses grassroots theater to improve the well-being of families in the Mayfair neighborhood of San Jose.

The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, the oldest and largest such event in the world based on attendance, received a grant of \$201,000. For two weeks each summer, the festival presents 65 to 70 films to more than 30,000 moviegoers at four venues throughout the Bay Area.

The Philanthropy Program, which awards grants to promote effective charitable giving,



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made \$1.4 million in grants to 10 organizations.

The foundation made a grant of \$500,000 to the Stanford Social Innovation Review, based at Stanford University. The *Review*, one of the dominant publications in the emerging field of philanthropic studies, publishes the work of leading academics and practitioners writing about new ideas and approaches in social innovation.

A \$35,000 grant to the Arts Council Silicon Valley will enable the organization to create a three-year strategic plan to assess its effectiveness and strengthen its mission despite the economic downturn.

The Environment Program, which makes grants to protect western lands and address the problem of climate change, announced \$30.7 million in grants to 67 organizations.

A \$4 million grant to Trout Unlimited will support its work to conserve, protect, and restore North America's cold water fisheries and their watersheds. This national organization will work to restore and protect 900 miles of rivers in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming, and protect 75 million acres of roadless land and important habitat throughout the West.

The Population Program, which makes grants to improve family planning and reproductive health in the United States and around the world, gave \$12.6 million in grants to 33 organizations.

A full list of Hewlett Foundation grantees, along with links to their Web sites, is available [online](#).

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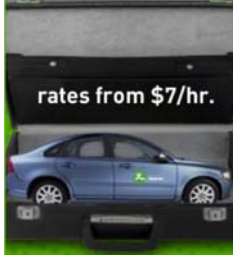
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