

The Merck Company Foundation

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Donor(s)

Merck & Co., Inc.

Background

Incorporated in 1957 in NJ.

Limitations

Giving on a national and international basis in areas of company operations, with emphasis on CA, Washington, DC, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, TN, TX, VA, and WY, and in Africa, China, and Puerto Rico.

No support for political organizations, fraternal, labor, or veterans' organizations, religious organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, or discriminatory organizations.

No grants to individuals, or for capital campaigns, endowments, basic or clinical research projects including epidemiological studies, clinical trials, or other pharmaceutical studies, direct medical care including medical screening or testing, or the purchase of medicines, vaccines, or devices, meetings, conferences, symposia or workshops that do not have or are not associated with long-term program objectives, unrestricted general operating support, or fundraising events including concerts, sporting events, annual appeals, membership drives, benefit dinners, or galas unrelated the strategic priorities of the Merck Company Foundation.

Purpose and Activities

The foundation supports programs designed to promote health, education, and community. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to improve healthcare quality and capacity; increase access to care for underserved populations; alleviate barriers to good health through strategic collaborations and investments; foster educational opportunity and academic success through initiatives that eliminate achievement gaps among disadvantaged people; expand quality education in science; and programs that include financial support, Merck innovation, and Merck employee expertise to address critical health and social issues in communities where Merck has a presence.

Program Area(s)

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships (ACHAP)

The foundation, in partnership the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, promotes the improvement of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment in Botswana. The initiative includes Merck medications for the Botswana's national antiretroviral (ARV) treatment program; and HIV prevention efforts focusing on safe male circumcision, intervention for young women and girls, HIV counseling and testing services, and integration for HIV and TB services.

Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes

The foundation supports programs designed to decrease diabetes disparities and enhance the quality of healthcare by improving prevention and management services, with emphasis on low-income and underserved populations with a high prevalence of type 2 diabetes. The program is limited to Chicago, Illinois, Camden, New Jersey, Memphis, Tennessee, Dallas, Texas, and Fort Washakie, Wyoming. Visit URL: <http://aradd.sph.umich.edu/> for more information.

China-MSD HIV/AIDS Partnership

The foundation, in partnership with China's Ministry of Health, supports HIV/AIDS prevention, patient care, and treatment in China. The initiative is designed to raise awareness and reduce discrimination among target populations; reduce HIV transmission through integrated risk-reduction; provide consecutive treatment and care to people living with HIV/AIDS through an established service network; provide support to orphans and families affected by HIV; build capacity of healthcare works and organizations; and strengthen HIV surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation systems and data management to track program implementation, access, and outcomes.

Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. (MCAN)

The foundation created MCAN, a 501(c)(3) organization, to support and advance evidence-based programs that improve the quality of life for children with asthma and their families. The organization supports programs designed to tailor asthma case management and reduce environmental risk factors and triggers in the home; the American Academy of Pediatrics to support education for pediatricians to implement asthma diagnosis and implementation; the National Education Association to train educators to recognize asthma symptoms and manage acute episodes; and various partnership organizations to advocate support for science-based asthma care.

Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE)

The foundation created the MISE to improve science education for K-12 students and to influence educational policy. Special emphasis is directed toward STEM, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Visit URL: <http://www.mise.org/secure/index.html> for more information.

Merck Vaccine Network - Africa (MVN-A)

Through MVN-A, the foundation develops training centers in Africa to help increase the capacity of immunization programs to effectively deliver vaccines. The MVN-A training programs provide mid- to high-level immunization program managers in Kenya, Mali, Uganda and Zambia with customized, hands-on training in vaccine management and immunization services.

Neighbor of Choice Program

Through the Neighbor of Choice program, the foundation addresses community and quality of life issues in communities where Merck has a major presence. Grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded to support programs that promote the health and well-being of community residents and grants of up to \$25,000 can be awarded to local nonprofit organizations that serve a wider range of community needs, including through arts, environmental and educational programs.

Partnership for Giving/Touched by an Agency

The foundation matches contributions made by U.S. and Puerto-Rico based employees and retirees of Merck to organizations involved with arts and culture, education, the environment, animal welfare, health, and human services, up to \$30,000 a year. The foundation also awards a \$1,000 "Thank You Grant" to nominated nonprofit organizations that have made a difference in the lives of Merck employees.

Rx for Hunger

Through Rx to Fight Hunger initiative, the foundation supports hunger-related local and regional partnerships to develop, implement, and share approaches for treating and preventing hunger and malnutrition in children, seniors, and families. Current partnerships include Sesame Workshop's "Food for Thought: Eating Well on a Budget" bilingual education outreach program, and the Drexel School of Public Health to develop approaches to treating child hunger and access to healthy food for low-income families in impoverished urban communities.

The Alliance/Merck Ciencia (Science) Hispanic Scholars Program

The foundation, in partnership with the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, annually provides college scholarships, a 10-week summer internship, and a stipend each summer to Hispanic high school seniors to pursue a degree in a STEM field. The program is limited to Los Angeles, California, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Brownsville, Texas. The program is administered by the National Alliance for Health. Visit URL: <http://www.alliancescholars.org/> for more information.

UNCF/Merck Science Initiative

The foundation, in partnership with the United Negro College Fund, awards scholarships and fellowships to African-American biomedical students pursuing studies and careers in the biological and chemical sciences. The initiative is designed to expand the pool of world-class African-American biomedical scientists. The program is administered by the United Negro College Fund. Visit URL: <http://umsi.uncf.org/> for more information.

Fields of Interest**Subjects**

AIDS

Aging, centers/services

American Red Cross

Animal welfare

Arts

Asthma

Biomedicine

Children, services

Community/economic development

Diabetes

Disasters, preparedness/services

Education

Education, early childhood education

Education, services

Engineering/technology

Environment

Family services

Food banks

Food distribution, meals on wheels

Food services

Health care

Health care, clinics/centers

Health care, equal rights

Health care, public policy

Health organizations

Higher education

Human services

Mathematics

Medical care, community health systems

Medical research

Nutrition

Pediatrics

Public health

Science

Science, formal/general education

Population Groups

African Americans/Blacks

Economically disadvantaged

Hispanics/Latinos

Geographic Focus

California
 District of Columbia
 Illinois
 Maryland
 Massachusetts
 New Jersey
 New York
 Pennsylvania
 Puerto Rico
 Tennessee
 Texas
 Virginia
 Wyoming

Types of Support

Building/renovation
 Conferences/seminars
 Continuing support
 Curriculum development
 Employee matching gifts
 Employee volunteer services
 Fellowships
 Internship funds
 Management development/capacity building
 Program development
 Research
 Scholarship funds
 Seed money

Publications

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Application Information

Merck typically initiates specific requests for charitable contributions and donations. Support is limited to 1 contribution per organization during any given year. The application deadline for Neighbor of Choice Program varies per location. A site visit may be requested. Organizations receiving support may be asked to submit a final report. Application form not required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Timetable for implementation and evaluation of project
2. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
3. Brief history of organization and description of its mission
4. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
5. How project's results will be evaluated or measured
6. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
7. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
8. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget

9. Listing of additional sources and amount of support

Initial approach: Complete online application

Board meeting date(s): Semiannually and as required

Deadline(s): 45 days prior to need; Apr. 1 to July 31 for Neighbor of Choice Program

Final notification: 4 to 6 weeks; up to 10 weeks for Neighbor of Choice Program

Officers and Trustees

Note: An asterisk () following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

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Council of New Jersey Grantmakers

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Funders Concerned About AIDS

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Financial Data**Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$244,058,282 (market value)

Expenditures: \$54,039,379

Total giving: \$53,306,196

Qualifying distributions: \$53,793,890

Giving activities include:

\$39,402,646 for 82 grants (high: \$7,000,000)

\$13,903,550 for employee matching gifts

Additional Location Information

County: Hunterdon

Metropolitan area: New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA

Congressional district: New Jersey District 7

Selected Grants

The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:

\$7,000,000 to China-Merck Sharp and Dohme HIV-AIDS Partnership, China, in 2011. To address HIV/AIDS prevention, patient care, treatment and support, payable over 1 year.

\$6,000,000 to African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships, White House Station, NJ, in 2011. For and enhance Botswana's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through a comprehensive approach that include HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support, and impact mitigation, payable over 1 year.

\$3,796,181 to Merck Institute for Science Education, Rahway, NJ, in 2011. To improve science education from

kindergarten through 12th grade through teacher and program development, payable over 1 year.

\$1,250,000 to CARE USA, Atlanta, GA, in 2011. For Join My Village India and Malawi, payable over 1 year.

\$1,000,000 to BroadReach Institute for Training and Education, Arlington, VA, in 2011. For Management and Leadership Academy (MLA) - Zambia Program Implementation, payable over 1 year.

\$1,000,000 to Save the Children Federation, Westport, CT, in 2011. For Partnering in Pakistan and Nepal to Save Children's Lives Through Frontline Health Workers, payable over 1 year.

\$190,000 to University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Foundation, Newark, NJ, in 2011. For Improving the Quality of Services for Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Botswana, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Circle of Life Childrens Center, Newark, NJ, in 2011. For Pediatric Palliative Care/Clinical Services Program, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to East Carolina University Foundation, Greenville, NC, in 2011. For Department of Chemistry - upgrade and replace non-functional and antiquated undergraduate laboratory equipment, payable over 1 year.

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