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GRANTS ROUNDUP

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Here are notable new grant awards compiled by the *Chronicle*:

John Deere Foundation

[\\$19 million](#) to three organizations that are leading efforts to reduce world hunger.

The farm-equipment company gave \$7.5 million to the One Acre Fund to support farming families; \$6.5 million to the Nature Conservancy to back agroforestry projects that improve land-use practices and increase yields by marginalized and Indigenous farmers; and \$5 million to the World Food Program USA to expand the use of technology to increase access to food.

James J. and Joan A. Gardner Family Foundation

[\\$15 million](#) to Cincinnati Children's to create its Mental and Behavioral Health Institute, which will house the hospital's research department as well as its divisions in child and adolescent psychiatry, behavioral medicine and clinical psychology, and developmental and behavioral pediatrics.

James Gardner, who died in 2013, retired as vice president at the Cintas Corporation, an Ohio manufacturer of products that includes uniforms, fire extinguishers, and other safety and cleaning supplies for companies. Joan Gardner died in 2019.

Merck Foundation

[\\$14 million](#) to the National Institutes of Health to renovate its Children's Inn and build a new respiratory isolation wing to protect young patients with weakened immune systems due to treatment for rare diseases.

Delta Dental of Washington

[\\$12 million](#) to Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences to establish a new school of dental medicine that will focus on serving rural and other under-served communities.

Chiles Foundation

[\\$5 million](#) to the University of Portland to renovate and maintain the Earle A. and Virginia H. Chiles Center, its athletics and events complex.

Earle Chiles was an executive at the Fred Meyer retail chain, which his grandfather founded, and CEO of Chiles and Affiliated Companies, a real-estate investment and property-management company in Portland, Oregon. Prior to his death in 2016, he served on the university's Board of Regents for more than 40 years and gave the money to build the Chiles Center in 1983.

Ferring Pharmaceuticals

[\\$5 million](#) to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine to establish an endowment that will support the

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education of health-care professionals still in training in the fields of reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Pershing Square Foundation

[\\$4.6 million](#) to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai to back research on women's health and advance careers for women scientists.

Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust

\$2.3 million to the Institute for Community Living to test mobile programs that deliver services to people in New York who have serious behavioral health issues and are at high risk for homelessness.

Google

[\\$2 million](#) to Morehouse College and Hampton University to strengthen in-person and remote learning, academic programs, and career support to prepare students to enter the tech industry.

The company gave \$1 million to each historically Black institution.

Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation

[\\$1.2 million](#) to the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University to support nurse researchers at each institution and expand access to health resources for children and adolescents from marginalized communities.

Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts

[\\$1.1 million](#) to 10 organizations in the state to support health and social services in their communities.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

[\\$1 million](#) to the Entertainment Community Fund to provide financial assistance and services for entertainment professionals in SAG-AFTRA, who have been on strike since July, and members of the Writers Guild of America, whose five-month strike ended in September.

Opatrny Family Foundation

[\\$1 million](#) to the Phoenix Art Museum to establish a fund for exhibition development and curatorial scholarship.

Surdna Foundation

[\\$1 million](#) to the Ashé Cultural Arts Center to strengthen its work with artists and cultural leaders to advance health equity, economic development, and arts and culture for communities in New Orleans.

Wells Fargo Foundation

[\\$1 million](#) to the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders for programs at 12 organizations to advance the financial well-being of Latino and immigrant communities across the United States.

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