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Public Health



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

AcademyHealth

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,038,887 — Building and fostering the field of public health services and systems research (4 years). ID 65014

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

ANCHORAGE, AK

\$327,127 — Integrating health impact assessments into the federal environmental impact process with a focus on Alaska Native communities (19 months). ID 64996

American Sociological Association

WASHINGTON, DC

\$49,291 — Producing a special issue of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* on the past 50 years of sociological research on health (2 years). ID 65564

University of Arizona College of Medicine

TUCSON, AZ

\$50,000 — Implementing and evaluating the Helpers Program, a strategy to engage smokers in cessation treatment in New Jersey communities (1 year). ID 65552

Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy, and Leadership

OAKLAND, CA

\$432,846 — Voices in the Debate: Minority Action for Tobacco Policy Change (3 months). ID 65074

Barker Bi-Coastal Health Consultants, Inc.

CALABASAS, CA

\$59,982 — Evaluating treatment innovations from the National Tobacco Cessation Collaborative's Consumer Demand Roundtable (7 months). ID 63733

Building Advocacy for Policy Change to Improve the Nation's Health

To develop and advance policy recommendations for how a modernized public health system should be structured, funded, staffed and held accountable.

■ Urban Institute

WASHINGTON, DC

\$35,000 — Evaluability assessment for Trust for America's Health (6 months). ID 64139

Building Evidence in Public Health Law

To build the evidence for public health law and policy, translate research findings into practical tools to increase the support for and use of law by policy-makers and public health practitioners, and to translate findings to other fields and venues to improve and protect health.

■ Systems Research and Applications Corporation

FAIRFAX, VA

\$227,272 — Administrative support services for Building Evidence in Public Health Law (1 year). ID 65525

Building the Evidence Base for Public Health Accreditation and Quality Improvement

To advance understanding and evidence of the relationship between accreditation and other quality improvement efforts in public health and the performance and impact of the public health system.

■ University of Minnesota School of Public Health

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$600,000 — Technical assistance and direction for Building the Evidence Base for Public Health Accreditation and Quality Improvement (3 years). ID 64349

University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health

LOS ANGELES, CA

\$446,749 — Further developing the UCLA Health Forecasting Tool to support effective public health practice, community interventions and policy decisions (30 months). ID 63473

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

WASHINGTON, DC

\$450,000 — Development of a business plan (1 year). ID 64035

\$350,000 — Educating key audiences about FDA regulation of tobacco products (4 months). ID 64348

Center for Creative Leadership

GREENSBORO, NC

\$199,998 — Consulting on the Advancing Public Health Practice and Policy Solutions batched solicitation (20 months). ID 65081

Center for Public Program Evaluation, Inc.

PURCELLVILLE, VA

\$399,919 — Retrospective summative assessment of RWJF's work in tobacco control policies (18 months). ID 65202

City University of New York, Hunter College

NEW YORK, NY

\$20,154 — Study of how the 2008 cigarette tax increase in New York State impacts cigarette tax avoidance in New York City (5 months). ID 64686

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Common Ground: Transforming Public Health Information Systems

To support collaborative processes among state and local public health departments to advance the use of information systems to support preparedness and manage chronic disease.

- **Task Force for Child Survival and Development**

DECATUR, GA

\$1,424,688 — Technical assistance and direction for Common Ground (1 year). ID 63748

Communications Support for the Public Health Program Area

To manage strategic communications for the Public Health program area to produce high-quality, consistent, timely products and messages that increase impact.

- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,100,000 — Public education and public health training activities in support of RWJF's Public Health program area (6 months). ID 65199

- **Communications Project**

MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS

\$1,235,109 — Coordinated central communications activities for RWJF's Public Health program area (6 months). ID 65110

- **Trust for America's Health**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$64,891 — Designing an organizational blueprint for a federal food-safety agency (7 months). ID 65440

Core Support and Infrastructure Development for the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation

To preserve and strengthen the American Nonsmokers Rights Foundation by diversifying funding streams and investments and to provide research and advocacy support to tobacco grantees and partners, especially those advocating for comprehensive smoke-free air policies.

- **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation**

BERKELEY, CA

\$1,000,000 — Core support and infrastructure development for the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation (4 months). ID 60551

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

ATLANTA, GA

\$27,278 — Tribal epidemiology conference to strengthen public health coordination across political jurisdictions (5 months). ID 63485

Courage Center

GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

\$28,141 — Facilitating the Public Health Accreditation Coalition and assisting RWJF's Public Health program area in program development (6 months). ID 64528

\$29,076 — Facilitating the Public Health Accreditation Coalition and assisting RWJF's Public Health program area in program development (6 months). ID 65555

Creating a Center of Excellence to Improve Data Gathering and Study to Strengthen the Evidence Base, Performance and Impact of State Public Health

To help develop public health research priorities, create a data resource and technical assistance center, support data analyses to assist national public health organizations, and assess the performance and impact of public health systems.

- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**

ARLINGTON, VA

\$1,230,046 — Building the data infrastructure, analytic capacity and transfer-to-practice framework for public health systems research (4 years). ID 63791

Danya International, Inc.

SILVER SPRING, MD

\$100,000 — National Conference on Tobacco or Health 2009 (1 year). ID 65208

Engaging Leaders in Advocacy for Public Health System Improvement Through Accreditation and Quality Improvement

To engage key leaders and influencers in public health and related sectors so they understand and support the benefits of accredited health departments and can advocate for accreditation with stakeholders.

- **National Association of County and City Health Officials**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,291,507 — Training newly appointed public health officials in applying knowledge and specific skills to their leadership roles (18 months). ID 63781

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Establishing a National Public Health Accrediting Organization

To establish a new, independent, nonprofit entity to govern the national accreditation system.

- **National Association of County and City Health Officials**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$853,140 — Establishing a National Public Health Accrediting Organization: second phase (5 months). ID 65090

Event Planning Group, LLC

WASHINGTON, DC

\$340,396 — Supporting the development of the Public Health Accreditation Coalition (1 year). ID 64592

Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

WASHINGTON, DC

\$15,000 — Integrating mental health in health care reform: a meeting of policy experts (1 month). ID 64662

Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement

To create a peer network of innovator states with experience in designing and implementing a process for systematic assessment of local public health agency capacity and performance.

Program Sites

- **State of Florida
Department of Health**

TALLAHASSEE, FL

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64225

- **State of Indiana
Department of Health**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64226

- **State of Iowa
Department of Public Health**

DES MOINES, IA

\$449,995 — (3 years). ID 64223

- **JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. d/b/a/ Community Health Institute**

BOW, NH

\$446,639 — (3 years). ID 64188

- **Kansas Health Institute**

TOPEKA, KS

\$448,213 — (3 years). ID 64227

- **Michigan Public Health Institute**

OKEMOS, MI

\$449,896 — (3 years). ID 64228

- **State of Minnesota
Department of Health**

ST. PAUL, MN

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64185

- **Missouri Institute for
Community Health Inc.**

JEFFERSON CITY, MO

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64186

- **State of Montana
Department of Public Health
and Human Services**

HELENA, MT

\$448,470 — (3 years). ID 64187

- **New Jersey Health Officers
Association**

TOMS RIVER, NJ

\$447,424 — (3 years). ID 64206

- **University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill School of Public Health**

CHAPEL HILL, NC

\$449,590 — (3 years). ID 64233

- **State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma
State Department of Health**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

\$448,398 — (3 years). ID 64229

- **State of South Carolina
Department of Health and
Environmental Control**

COLUMBIA, SC

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64210

- **United Way of Illinois—
Illinois Public Health Institute**

CHICAGO, IL

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64213

- **State of Washington
Department of Health**

OLYMPIA, WA

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64230

- **State of Wisconsin Department of
Health and Family Services**

MADISON, WI

\$450,000 — (3 years). ID 64217

Other Program Activities

- **National Network of
Public Health Institutes**

NEW ORLEANS, LA

\$1,243,029 — Technical assistance and direction for Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement (1 year). ID 63672

- **Ohio Public Health Partnership**

WORTHINGTON, OH

\$100,000 — Advancing public health accreditation and quality improvement in Ohio (1 year). ID 64812

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▪ **University of Southern Maine,
Edmund S. Muskie School of
Public Service**

PORTLAND, ME

\$699,060 — Evaluation of Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement (3 years). ID 64232

Macro International, Inc.

ATLANTA, GA

\$36,330 — Assessing the evaluability of the RWJF meta-leadership program to prepare senior leaders across multiple sectors to work effectively and collaboratively in the event of a national public health emergency (6 months). ID 64175

Media & Policy Center Foundation

SANTA MONICA, CA

\$50,000 — Developing Public Space/ Public Health, a two-hour PBS documentary on the impact of the built environment on health (2 years). ID 64184

Morehouse School of Medicine

ATLANTA, GA

\$15,000 — Freedom's Voice Conference to raise the voice of community in health policy formulation and catalyze improvements in access to care (3 months). ID 63886

**National Academy of Sciences–
Institute of Medicine**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$225,003 — Forum on medical and public health preparedness for catastrophic events (3 years). ID 65075

**National Association of
Local Boards of Health**

BOWLING GREEN, OH

\$49,828 — Developing a white paper and training and education plan for local board of health members (6 months). ID 63966

**National Foundation for the Centers
for Disease Control & Prevention Inc.**

ATLANTA, GA

\$750,000 — Preparing for future national emergencies by supporting the CDC Foundation's emergency preparedness and response fund (1 month). ID 65146

\$4,250,000 — Emergency preparedness and response fund (3 years). ID 65252

\$2,014,688 — Developing a program to improve cooperation among federal, state and local leaders when responding to natural and man-made disasters (1 year). ID 63962

**National Heart, Lung and
Blood Institute**

BETHESDA, MD

\$49,647 — Asthma-outcomes workshop to develop standardized definitions and outcome measures for asthma clinical research (3 years). ID 65193

Partnership for Prevention

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,967,838 — Comparing the value of community preventive services (3 years). ID 63940

\$393,583 — Identifying the highest-value clinical preventive services (3 years). ID 64396

**Providing Assistance to Public Health
Agencies Preparing for Accreditation**

To provide technical assistance and funding to a select number of local and state public health departments during the project's trial phase to help them prepare for accreditation.

▪ **National Association of County and
City Health Officials**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,500,000 — Accreditation preparation and quality improvement (1 year). ID 63686

▪ **National Indian Health Board**

ALEXANDRIA, VA

\$314,586 — Exploring tribal public health accreditation project (1 year). ID 63865

**Public Health Services and
Systems Research**

To help establish the field of public health services and systems research as a needed resource that will improve performance of governmental health agencies.

▪ **University of Michigan
School of Public Health**

ANN ARBOR, MI

\$308,968 — Examining strategies to generate new revenues on more efficient and effective practices to improve public health (18 months). ID 65722

▪ **Social and Scientific Systems, Inc.**

SILVER SPRING, MD

\$199,824 — Study of local public health capacities to address the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse populations (20 months). ID 64402

▪ **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

KNOXVILLE, TN

\$133,357 — Examining the relationships between changes in the characteristics, inputs or activities of state health departments and health outcomes (1 year). ID 65719

**Research Foundation of the
City University of New York**

NEW YORK, NY

\$268,323 — Expanding the ability of practitioners and scholars to assess law as a tool to improve public health (1 year). ID 65314

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Practice-Based Research Network in Public Health

To develop a practice-based research network for public health to help stakeholders understand how public health systems research can be used to improve public health performance and impact.

Program Sites

- **Boston University School of Public Health**
BOSTON, MA
\$90,000 — (2 years). ID 65435
- **Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials**
DENVER, CO
\$80,000 — (2 years). ID 65443
- **Kentucky Public Health Association**
FRANKFORT, KY
\$89,999 — (2 years). ID 65437
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health**
CHAPEL HILL, NC
\$89,919 — (2 years). ID 65434
- **Seattle-King County Department of Public Health**
SEATTLE, WA
\$89,988 — (2 years). ID 65431

Other Program Activities

- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health**
LITTLE ROCK, AR
\$380,608 — Technical assistance and direction for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Practice-Based Research Network in Public Health (1 year). ID 64676

Substance Abuse Policy Research Program

To encourage experts in public health, law, political science, medicine, sociology, criminal justice, economics, psychology, and other behavioral and policy sciences to address issues of substance abuse.

- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Pharmacy**
LITTLE ROCK, AR
\$42,372 — Gauging impact of coverage expansion and change in prior authorization process on use of tobacco cessation treatment among Arkansas Medicaid enrollees (1 year). ID 64148
- **Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies**
PROVIDENCE, RI
\$13,394 — Informing public policy on cigarette taxation via cigarette demand curve analysis (2 years). ID 63887
- **General Hospital Corporation**
BOSTON, MA
\$99,981 — Identifying targets to improve smoking cessation advice rates in the inpatient setting (1 year). ID 64158
- **University of Georgia Research Foundation Inc.**
ATHENS, GA
\$84,709 — Examining the relationship between the cost of cigarettes and an individual's probability of quitting smoking (19 months). ID 65626
- **Multnomah County Health Department**
PORTLAND, OR
\$99,999 — Examining attitudes toward, compliance with and health effects of a smoke-free policy in subsidized multiunit housing and its impact on property (1 year). ID 65079

Public Health Institute

OAKLAND, CA

\$100,000 — Examining the role of televised anti-tobacco and pharmaceutical product advertising on young smokers' demand for and use of treatments (1 year). ID 65627

Supporting Advocacy to Reduce Tobacco Use and Direct Tobacco-Related State Revenue to Health Priorities

To support state and local advocacy efforts and educate policy-makers and other key audiences in up to 15 states about the need for tobacco control and other public health measures.

- **American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation**
BERKELEY, CA
\$1,121,827 — Providing rapid response funding to enable communities and groups to support, protect or implement smoke-free policies (1 year). ID 64477
- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$1,500,000 — Providing assistance to state tobacco prevention and public health policy projects (1 year). ID 64346
- **George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$99,508 — Recommendations for reforming the federal food-safety program (6 months). ID 65457

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Tobacco Policy Change: A Collaborative for Healthier Communities and States

To provide resources and technical assistance for community, regional and national organizations and tribal groups advocating for effective tobacco prevention and cessation policy initiatives.

Program Sites

- **Black Hills Center for American Indian Health**
RAPID CITY, SD
\$149,990 — Advancing comprehensive tobacco-free and tribal wellness policies on the Navajo Nation (18 months). ID 64495
- **DuBois Institute for Entrepreneurship, Inc.**
DOTHAN, AL
\$151,913 — Advancing statewide smoke-free policies and implementing an anti-obesity project in Alabama (18 months). ID 64498
- **Families Under Urban and Social Attack Inc.**
HOUSTON, TX
\$150,000 — Advancing the statewide clean indoor air act and educating Houston residents about health issues resulting from obesity (18 months). ID 64502
- **Georgia Public Interest Research Group Education Fund**
ATLANTA, GA
\$149,453 — Promoting smoke-free indoor air and clean outdoor air through the promotion of public transit (18 months). ID 64494

- **Indiana Rural Health Association**
TERRE HAUTE, IN
\$155,145 — Advancing smoke-free policy efforts in 20 Indiana communities and furthering state policies to fully fund the Healthy Indiana Plan (18 months). ID 64503

- **University of Kentucky Research Foundation**
LEXINGTON, KY
\$225,000 — Advancing comprehensive clean indoor air and radon policies in Northern Kentucky (18 months). ID 64496

- **Le Penseur Youth and Family Services**
CHICAGO, IL
\$175,000 — Supporting efforts to limit the number of tobacco retailers in the rebuilding efforts in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans (18 months). ID 64497

- **University of Missouri–Columbia Medical School Foundation, Inc.**
COLUMBIA, MO
\$150,173 — Using campus-community alliances to reduce both tobacco use and intimate partner violence (18 months). ID 64491

- **North Carolina Pediatric Society Foundation**
RALEIGH, NC
\$150,014 — Building support for policy changes to make all workplaces smoke-free by 2010 and to halt and reverse the growing obesity epidemic in North Carolina (18 months). ID 64501

- **South Carolina African American Tobacco Control Network**
SUMMERVILLE, SC
\$300,000 — Advancing local smoke-free laws in South Carolina by emphasizing the importance of local control and exposing the threat of preemption (18 months). ID 64505

- **Wellness Council of West Virginia Institute, WV**
\$296,541 — Addressing clean indoor air regulations and government change promoting local environments favoring physical activity in five West Virginia counties (18 months). ID 64492

Other Program Activities

- **Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board**
ABERDEEN, SD
\$110,925 — Collecting and aggregating data from the 2008 American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (6 months). ID 64092
- **Communications Project**
MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS
\$225,000 — Technical assistance for Tobacco Policy Change (21 months). ID 64235
- **Freeman Consulting Group, Inc.**
ROSWELL, GA
\$140,551 — Consulting and technical assistance for Tobacco Policy Change (1 year). ID 65241
- **Letetia Daniels Jackson**
DOTHAN, AL
\$62,360 — Consulting and technical assistance for Tobacco Policy Change (7 months). ID 64220

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▪ **Kathleen Jerome**

FLORENCE, MA

\$130,884 — Consulting and technical assistance for Tobacco Policy Change (1 year). ID 65239

▪ **Smith & Associates**

MADISON, MS

\$56,346 — Consulting services for Tobacco Policy Change (8 months). ID 64096

▪ **Jerry Spegman**

LEWISBURG, PA

\$119,555 — Consulting and technical assistance for Tobacco Policy Change (1 year). ID 65240

United Way of Illinois Inc.

OAK BROOK, IL

\$50,000 — Increasing the organizational capacity of the Illinois Public Health Institute (1 year). ID 63762

University of Wisconsin

School of Medicine and Public Health

MADISON, WI

\$4,934,201 — Support for Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) (3 years). ID 65017

\$181,141 — Using summary measures of health outcomes to guide multisectoral planning to improve community health: Phase 1 (6 months). ID 65020