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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grantmaking institution helping to build a more just and sustainable world. Through the support it provides, the Foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, strengthens institutions, helps improve public policy, and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media. With assets of more than \$6.4 billion, the Foundation makes approximately \$260 million in grants annually. More information is available at www.macfound.org.

The Foundation makes grants and loans through four programs.

- **The Program on Global Security and Sustainability** focuses on international issues, including human rights and international justice, peace and security, conservation and sustainable development, higher education in Nigeria and Russia, migration and human mobility, and population and reproductive health. MacArthur grantees work in about 60 countries; the Foundation has offices in India, Mexico, Nigeria, and Russia.
- **The Program on Human and Community Development** addresses 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 an

emerging interest in digital media and learning; and policy research and analysis on important domestic concerns.

- **The General Program** supports public interest media, including public radio, documentary programming, and work to explore the use of digital technologies to reach and engage the public. Grants are also made to arts and cultural institutions in the Chicago area and for special initiatives, including intellectual property rights in a digital environment. The General Program also provides a few institution-building grants each year to organizations that are central to the fields in which the Foundation works.
- **The MacArthur Fellows Program** awards five-year, unrestricted fellowships to individuals across all ages and fields who show exceptional merit and promise of continued creative work. It is limited to U.S. citizens and residents.

John D. MacArthur (1897–1978) developed and owned Bankers Life and Casualty Company and other businesses, as well as considerable property in Florida and New York. His wife Catherine (1909–1981) held positions in many of these companies and served as a director of the Foundation.

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AT A GLANCE

Total Assets

\$6.4 billion

Grantmaking 2006

Grants authorized: \$234.9 million

Number of grant requests: 5,472

Number of grants: 490

Grants to organizations: 465

Grants to individuals: 25

Range of grants: \$1,000 to
\$12 million

Range of operations: U.S. and
60 countries worldwide

Grantmaking by program area:

- Global Security and Sustainability:
\$85.4 million
- Human and Community
Development: \$78.6 million
- General Program: \$58.9 million
- MacArthur Fellows Program:
\$12.0 million

Foundation Personnel

United States: 154

Overseas: 21

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