

The Heinz Endowments Grants to Tides Center / Tides Foundation

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Business for Social Responsibility Education Fund	10/26/1994	\$145,000	VIHE Environment Program	The Tides Foundation/BSR Education Fund have proposed to engage businesses in the Pittsburgh region and elsewhere in promoting greater efficiency and eliminating waste. A key element is a collaborative program with Concurrent Technologies Corporation of Johnstown, SPIRC, Carnegie Mellon, and the Center for Hazardous Materials Research, which will use environmental process changes to increase productivity and competitiveness. Industries most likely to benefit from such changes will be identified, targeted, and partnerships will be established.
Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/12/1997	\$43,500	HHE Environment Program	The proposed grant would fund a planning process to identify and recruit Pennsylvania corporate participants in the Chemical Strategies Partnership, a national effort by the Pew Charitable Trusts to reduce toxic chemicals in products and waste streams. The work would be carried out by California Environmental Associates and the Tellus Institute of Boston, under the auspices of the Tides Center. The Chemical Strategies Partnership was created to reduce companies' use and release of toxic chemicals and to quantify reductions; to evaluate opportunities to restructure companies' supplier relationships to achieve chemical use reductions; and to foster a corporate organizational commitment to make pollution prevention a strategic business objective with measurable benefits.
Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/12/1997	\$200,500	HHE Environment Program	This grant will support a Pennsylvania-based project of the Chemical Strategies Partnership to dramatically reduce the use of persistent toxins in one of the state's largest manufacturers. The Chemical Strategies Partnership is a creation of the Pew Charitable Trusts and is based at the Tides Center. This project would represent a significant contribution to pollution prevention programs in the Commonwealth and could serve as a model for other companies in the state and elsewhere to emulate.

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Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/11/1998	\$220,000	HHE Environment Program	The Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), was formed to assist electronics manufacturers in developing decision support tools and to test market-based mechanisms for significantly reducing their use of toxic chemicals. In 1995, the manufacturing sector generated over 34 billion pounds of chemical waste. With this grant, CSP proposes to move into phase two of a multi-phase project aimed at achieving chemical use reduction in the electronics industry. With this grant from the Howard Heinz Endowment, CSP will help to accelerate and influence the transformation of the way chemicals are purchased, used and disposed of throughout the Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry as well as the chemical service provider industry.
Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/10/1999	\$240,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant will provide phase three funding for the Pennsylvania activities of the Chemical Strategies Partnership. CSP was launched in 1996 by the Pew Charitable Trusts and The Heinz Endowments to develop a protocol to fundamentally redefine the way chemicals are purchased, used and managed by the manufacturing sector. Despite decades of environmental regulation and reporting, the manufacturing sector generates over 34 billion pounds of chemical waste each year. While strong standards must remain in place, alternative, non-regulatory approaches are needed to aggressively drive companies toward reducing chemical use and releases
Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/8/2000	\$250,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant will support the Pennsylvania activities of the Chemical Strategies Partnership with the Institute for Economic Transformation at Duquesne University, to reduce toxicity among the tool and die industry in southwestern Pennsylvania. The average chemical use for a tool and die firm ranges from 5,000 to 7,000 pounds of chemicals with toxic substances. Partnerships have been created with Oberg Industries, Starn Tool & Manufacturing, Elizabeth Carbide Die and Kennametal Carbide to accomplish this task. Chemical Strategies was launched in 1996 under The Tides Center by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Endowments to develop a protocol to fundamentally redefine the way chemicals are purchased, used and managed by the manufacturing sector. To date, CSP's work with companies has resulted in an average cost savings of 15 percent, and a 30 percent average reduction in chemicals used by industry
Chemical Strategies Partnership	5/7/2001	\$100,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant will support the Pennsylvania activities of the Chemical Strategies Partnership with the Institute for Economic Transformation at Duquesne University, World Class Industrial Network, and the Department of Environmental Protection. The goal is to reduce toxicity in the metalworking and tool and die industries in southwestern Pennsylvania

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Communities First!	5/10/2004	\$25,000	HHE Environment Program	Communities First!, a project of the Tides Center – Western Pennsylvania, was formed in 2002 by concerned citizens from nine Ohio River communities. The group has opposed big-box and strip-mall development on the former Dixmont State Hospital site in Kilbuck Township, citing issues of land use and zoning inconsistency, environmental impact, traffic congestion and negative effects on existing businesses. The proposed shopping center is a glaring example of poor land use and development. It threatens to undercut communities and could lead to significant harm of a greenfield environment.
Cool Space Locator Project	10/23/2002	\$200,000	HHE Arts & Culture Program	This grant will support continuing program development and commercial placement capacity of Cool Space Locator, an organization that helps create market demand for unused commercial spaces. Funding is for a two-year period, during which Cool Space will begin to build earned income from brokerage fees and explore other fee-for-service opportunities. Cool Space began in 2000 as a pilot project of the Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development. Although not a priority for traditional commercial brokers, these “cool spaces” are attractive to smaller entrepreneurial companies, whose younger managers are drawn to urban neighborhoods where real estate prices are low and the counter-traditional commercial ambience is high. The retention of these creative, fast growing entrepreneurial companies is of prime importance to growing this region’s economy.
Find the Rivers Project	10/22/2003	\$50,000	HHE Arts & Culture Program	“Find the Rivers” is a community-based project with the goal to create tangible links to the rivers from the Hill District for the economic, social and cultural benefit of the Hill. Find the Rivers is collaboration among Community Partners Institute, The Riverlife Task Force, Hill District Consensus Group, and Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture. Through their earlier work, a River Opportunity Plan has been completed; routes to the rivers have been outlined; and plans are underway to build an “Urban Room,” a physical space with the potential to be an exhibition, community meeting and/or repository for the research work done to date. Architecture students are fully engaged in interpreting the information from the Community Partners work session and developing it into physical plans. This work will help Riverlife to continue to formulate and refine its concept of “landings” and physical community connection possibilities.
Funders’ Forum On	11/27/2000	\$20,000	HHE	This is a three-year grant to help support a national network of

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Environmental Education			Environment Program	grantmakers that fund environmental education programs. The Funders' Forum On Environmental Education promotes programs that involve students and teachers in community-based projects. Participants contribute to academic achievement and provide solutions for environmental problems. The Forum now has 130 foundation members with its activities directed at increasing funders' awareness and developments in the field of environmental education.
Funders' Forum On Environmental Education	10/24/2001	\$10,000	VIHE Environment Program	This is a two-year grant to help support a national network of Grantmakers funding project-based environmental education programs.
Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families	12/5/1995	\$10,000	HHE Children, Youth & Families Program	This one-time funding request is to assist Grantmakers for Children Youth and Families (GCYF) in making a successful transition from being a program of the Council on Foundations to becoming an-independent organization. It was determined that the organization could operate a more flexible and diversified program, at approximately the same cost at the Council, if GCYF moved out of the Council. The Steer Committee for GCYF determined that rather than becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, the group will become a project of The Tides Foundation, which will act as its fiscal agent. This grant will be used for transition expenses, such as purchasing furniture and equipment.
Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families	12/2/1996	\$10,000	HHE Children, Youth & Families Program	To continue core support of Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families during a strategic planning period.
Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families	5/12/1997	\$10,000	HHE Children, Youth & Families Program	To support the development of a new logo and brochure for Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families and for 1997 membership
Grantmakers for Education	12/2/1996	\$5,000	HHE Education Program	This grant is in support of a new organization for grantmakers whose foundations have specific K-16 education programs. Grantmakers for Education (GFE) was established in 1995 as a nationwide membership group to activate and sustain a variety of formal and informal communication networks among funders whose experience and expertise in education varies widely. GFE identifies topics, initiates electronic communications, coordinates regional meetings involving grantmakers and various educational organizations, and reports to members on the results of major projects around the country.
Grantmakers for Education	12/1/1997	\$5,000	VIHE	This grant will provide continuing program and operating support to

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			Education Program	Grantmakers for Education.
Grantmakers for Education	11/30/1998	\$5,000	HHE Education Program	This grant will support Grantmakers for Education's professional development activities aimed at increasing the craft knowledge of foundation staff who work on education issues. GFE offers grantmakers a range of services that include: special topic seminars on lessons learned from major initiatives; best educational practices for improving schools; focus groups with senior program staff; site visits to innovative project sites; summaries of major conferences on education, and routine communications about key education issues and events.
Green Building Alliance	5/12/1997	\$200,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant will support the Green Building Alliance, a Pittsburgh-based project striving to advance green building design and construction in the urban environment. The GBA is a consortium of groups promoting resource and energy conservation in the upper Ohio Valley watershed, including the City of Pittsburgh. These groups include but are not limited to the Pennsylvania Resources Council, Conservation Consultants Inc., Group Against Smog and Pollution, Western Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Association, the Builders Association of Metro Pittsburgh, ASHRAE, and the American Institute of Architects' Pittsburgh Chapter. Primary activities include research assistance to architects, builders, municipal officials, businesses, and residents; training and education programs; and direct support to local development projects. This consortium was formed to bring the built environment into the mainstream discussion of building practices. The GBA promotes building practices which increase human comfort, health and productivity, save operating and maintenance costs and reduce the harmful impacts on the environment caused by current building practices.
Green Building Alliance	5/11/1998	\$300,000	HHE Environment Program	The primary program areas under the Green Building Alliance include education, technical assistance/demonstration projects and research. The 1998-99 action plan consists of multiple tasks under each of these program areas. Under demonstration projects, GBA has formed partnerships with the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh, which is undergoing large scale redevelopment, the Soffer Organization--the master developer for the former LTV site--the convention center design commission and more. Under education, GBA will implement a basic green rating system based on the US Green Building Council's standards to consistently identify and promote green projects. A Resource Center will also be established which will serve as a clearinghouse and provide information to building industry

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				professionals and non-professionals. To enhance the technical assistance delivery to these and other projects, GBA will work closely with CMU's Architecture Department and the Rocky Mountain Institute.
Green Building Alliance	5/10/1999	\$300,000	HHE Environment Program	Using the Tides Center as an organizational incubator, this grant will provide program and operating support for the Pittsburgh-based Green Building Alliance (GBA). Demonstration projects include Bedford Dwellings under the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh, Penn Center West, redevelopment of the former LTV site, and the Convention Center and stadiums. Education projects include implementation of the U.S. Green Building Council's Green Rating System for Pennsylvania to identify and promote green projects. GBA will manage a Resource Center/Clearinghouse for industry professionals and non-professionals. It will also conduct workshops for local professionals and continue the GBA Speakers Bureau for companies and organizations interested in learning about green building. To enhance the technical assistance delivery to these and other projects such as the University of Pittsburgh's Construction Management Program, GBA will work closely with Carnegie Mellon University's Architecture Department and the Rocky Mountain Institute.
Metropolitics Pittsburgh Project	4/25/1996	\$41,500	VIHE Environment Program	This grant to fund the Metropolitics Pittsburgh Project will support the documentation and publication of a detailed analysis of Pittsburgh's metropolitan social, economic, and land use trends through the use of geographic information system maps. In Pittsburgh, as in many American cities, suburban sprawl and inefficient land use has greatly increased. This can be attributed in part, by the lack of coordination in land use planning agencies in western Pennsylvania. In order to tackle the economic and social polarization that results, a strong, regional response is needed. Reform is needed on several fronts including fair housing, property tax-base sharing, and reinvestment. This report will provide information to cities within the Pittsburgh region and support metropolitan based reforms in terms of fair/affordable housing, tax base sharing, reinvestment, land use planning, and structure of metropolitan government.
Natural Amenities and	5/13/2002	\$600,000	HHE	This grant will support efforts by a coalition of project partners to develop

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Green Infrastructure Plan			Environment Program	<p>a regional Natural Amenities and Green Infrastructure Plan. The goal of green infrastructure planning is to create a detailed map of the natural landscape and its relationship to human settlement. The plan will recommend ways to develop and promote recreational opportunities, conserve important natural areas, and direct new growth to less environmentally sensitive lands.</p> <p>This grant represents the first of three phases over the next three years. A strategic plan with specific recommendations for actions, priorities, timeline and funding implications will ultimately inform conservation and land use decision-making. A framework for site impact analysis will assist the public and non-profit sector seeking to understand where and how development should occur. Data gathered to inform the plan and to create a regional geographical information system would ultimately be integrated into SPC for use by planners, conservationists, public agencies, private developers and the general public.</p>
Natural Amenities and Green Infrastructure Plan	5/12/2003	\$400,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant for continued funding of the Natural Amenities and Green Infrastructure Plan will fund the second of three phases over the three-year planning period.
Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership	5/13/2002	\$150,000	VIHE Environment Program	A 2000 grant from the Endowments, together with funding from the Wild Resources Conservation Fund and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, helped launch the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership initially as a project of the Wildlands Conservancy. The Partnership has recently been accepted as a project of the Tides Center of Western Pennsylvania. With this grant the Partnership will begin the development of a "blueprint" for the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Conservation Plan. The "blueprint" process is designed to gain extensive stakeholder engagement and education and build a broad base of public support for biodiversity conservation in the state, in preparation for acceptance of the Biodiversity Conservation Plan when it is completed in 2004.
Pennsylvania Biodiversity Project	12/31/2003	\$50,000	HHE Environment Program	With this grant, the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership will undertake Phases II and III of the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Conservation Plan, with completion scheduled for early 2005. Phase II will create a process and roadmap for building a statewide plan. Phase II will support a statewide stakeholder involvement process to support the plan content development.
Pennsylvania Biodiversity	5/10/2004	\$50,000	HHE	With this grant the Biodiversity Partnership will complete Phase III of the

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Pennsylvania Energy Project	5/15/1996	\$170,000	HHE Environment Program	The Tides Foundation houses the Pennsylvania Energy Project, an Endowment-initiated effort to coordinate energy services and utility restructuring statewide. The project will provide organizational and legal support to the Clean Air Council, Conservation Consultants, Inc., Clean Air Policy Council, and EDF. Funds from this grant will be used to assist Conservation Consultants, Inc. with the completion of the Tarentum Energy Efficiency Initiative, to close out the environmental community's involvement in the state Demand-Side Management litigation, to develop financial incentives for energy efficiency, to work with Business for Social Responsibility to create a state-wide business consortium for energy efficiency, and to coordinate the state's environmental community in their effort to retain the Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP), which expires in 1997. LIURP is the state's primary means of reducing energy consumption in low-to-moderate income communities.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	12/2/1996	\$400,000	HHE Environment Program	The purpose of this grant is to support the activities of the Pennsylvania Energy Project. For the coming year, retail wheeling and utility restructuring will dominate PEP's agenda as will work on existing energy and related projects. Funds will be used for staff salaries, expert consultants, and sub-contractors.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	5/11/1998	\$100,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant will fund the operations of the Pennsylvania Energy Project in Harrisburg for the remainder of 1998. The Project is currently seeking to create a Green Building Alliance in central Pennsylvania similar to that here in Pittsburgh; to create public-sector guidelines for energy-efficiency in government buildings; to monitor implementation of energy deregulation in Pennsylvania and nationally.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	11/30/1998	\$160,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant would supports the Pennsylvania Energy Project, an effort that has sought to create regional partnerships for energy-efficiency, renewable energy, and green buildings. The scope of work for the Project includes: creating a Central Pennsylvania energy center in partnership with the York Foundation and others to continue the Project's work over time; to launch a Green Building Alliance for Central Pennsylvania, mirroring the existing Pittsburgh-based alliance; and to conclude ongoing legal advice and program support for Pennsylvania DEP's green building programs.
Pennsylvania Energy	5/10/1999	\$125,000	HHE	This grant will provide funding for the activities of the Pennsylvania

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Project			Environment Program	Energy Project (PEP). In partnership with Carnegie Mellon University, current projects include a model green building for the School of Education at Shippensburg State University, redevelopment of a historic building as the new Hispanic American Center in downtown Harrisburg, and the creation of the Green Building Network, the central Pennsylvania affiliate of GBA.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	11/29/1999	\$75,000	HHE Environment Program	Over the last three years, the Pennsylvania Energy Project has been the primary intermediary on energy issues for Western and central Pennsylvania. During 2000, the project will continue to drive renewable energy programs in the public and private sectors of Pennsylvania. In particular, Penn Energy will work with the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to create the Interfaith Power and Light Project. This project will educate faith-based organizations and their members on the environmental issues of power production and alternative green energy sources. Once developed, the project will be introduced in Western Pennsylvania.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	5/8/2000	\$100,000	HHE Environment Program	During 2000, the Pennsylvania Energy Project will continue to drive renewable energy programs in the public and private sectors of Pennsylvania. In particular, Penn Energy will partner with Interfaith Power and Light to build market demand and supply for renewable energy among faith-based organizations and their membership.
Pennsylvania Energy Project	10/25/2000	\$99,000	VIHE Environment Program	During 2000, the Pennsylvania Energy Project will continue to drive renewable energy programs in the public and private sectors of Pennsylvania. In particular, Penn Energy will partner with Interfaith Power and Light to build market demand and supply for renewable energy among faith-based organizations and their membership. The Project will also partner with Environmental Enterprising Solutions on developing a statewide strategy for financing environmental enterprise in Pennsylvania.
Pennsylvania Energy	4/26/2001	\$148,000	VIHE	Over the last four years, the Pennsylvania Energy Project, operating under

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Project			Environment Program	Tides Center sponsorship, has been the lead organization focused on renewable energy and financing for green businesses for western and central Pennsylvania. With sole support from the Endowments, Penn Energy has combined its expertise in energy law and public policy with on-the-ground projects. These projects have demonstrated to the public and private sectors the economic benefits of environmentally sound energy and business practices. Having achieved its objectives over the past four years, Penn Energy will conclude its work with this grant. Penn Energy began the transition process in 2000, and it has already spun several projects out to permanent organizations, including Interfaith Power and Light and the Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania. Penn Energy will complete its training series for the Sustainable Energy Funds of Pennsylvania, and spinoff its final project, an internet-based search engine for sustainable business projects seeking financing. This project's success demonstrates the benefit of using the Tides Center for time-limited, catalytic projects.
Sprout Fund	10/24/2001	\$87,500	HHE Economic Opportunity	The Sprout Fund is an initiative to engage young people in thinking creatively about how to shape a younger culture and vision for the region. An outgrowth of the New Idea Factory, an Endowments-funded program launched by County Executive Jim Roddey in 2000 to involve young people in creative brainstorming for the region, the Fund will focus on supporting small-scale projects that need a small amount of startup funding. The program will be housed in the Tides Center of Western Pennsylvania. Sprout's projects will be targeted at spurring energy, community goodwill, and innovative thinking.
Sprout Fund	10/23/2002	\$100,000	HHE Economic Opportunity	The Sprout Fund is an initiative created to tap and support the ideas and involvement of the region's younger (20- to 35-year-old) residents. The Fund serves as a catalyst to engage young talent in thinking creatively about innovative solutions that will help to shape a younger culture and vision for the region, and then to provide small scale funding for these projects. This second-year grant to the Sprout Fund will support small-scale projects as well as ideas that require incubation and need startup funding. During the last year, the fund supported 28 youth-oriented projects, often in the area of amenities and outdoor activities. Next year, Sprout projects will continue to refine its strategies to support innovative thinking and activities related to issues important to the region's young people.
State Pollution Prevention	10/22/1997	\$75,000	VIHE	The Tides Foundation will convene the nation's leading practitioners in the

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Regulatory Integration Initiative			Environment Program	field to carry out the “State Pollution Prevention Regulatory Integration Initiative” or SPRINT to actively engage state governments to look at opportunities for reinventing pollution prevention (P2) programs. The fundamental challenge for SPRINT is to assist states in making pollution prevention integral to and seamlessly woven into the fabric of agency operations, including policy, planning, reporting and enforcement. This proposal aims to identify two pilot states that are willing to design integrated programs throughout all aspects of agency operations. As part of this effort Tides will develop a compendium of best practices of the most innovative, effective integration efforts around the country. SPRINT will then work to develop state-specific pollution prevention integration plans with each participating agency, assist with implementation of an effective action plan, evaluate the integration plan and build a constituency for more effective programs. VIHE funding would allow this project, which has already raised significant support from other funders, to work with and apply its findings in Pennsylvania, but also would assist the larger, national effort.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	11/29/1999	\$300,000	HHE Environment Program	The Sustainable Pittsburgh initiative was created in 1998 with funding from the Howard Heinz Endowment as part of the Pittsburgh Technology Council to link the region's economic, environmental and community development strategies. The initiative is working with community leaders and organizations to develop a long-range vision for the region. Through this process, Sustainable Pittsburgh is building a network of organizations that will design four projects that will demonstrate the links between natural resource protection, economic opportunity, and livable communities.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	11/27/2000	\$20,000	HHE Environment Program	With this grant Sustainable Pittsburgh will contract with Dr. Richard Florida for planning activities related to the revitalization of Oakland. The Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh is an area of key strategic importance to the region, particularly for high technology firms and their employees. This project will focus on how Oakland can improve its environmental quality, urban design, amenities, and livability, and serve as a model for other city neighborhoods. The interim grant is needed to take advantage of the availability of Carnegie Mellon University students to assist in the project.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	11/27/2000	\$350,000	HHE	Sustainable Pittsburgh (SP) is an initiative to broaden the economic

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			Environment Program	development strategy in the region to include environmental and community development issues. With this third-year grant, SP will continue to build and focus its affiliate and topic team structure and communications strategies.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	12/31/200	\$6,000	HHE Environment Program	This grant allowed Sustainable Pittsburgh to sponsor a team of five Pittsburgh government and non-profit leaders to attend the Urban Land Institute 4 th Annual Partners for Smart Growth Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia from December 4-6, 2000. This particular conference focused on various aspects of engaging the private sector in Smart Growth.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	10/24/2001	\$300,000	HHE Environment Program	This is an operating support grant for Sustainable Pittsburgh. By November 2001, Sustainable Pittsburgh plans to have published and widely distributed the first Regional Sustainability Indicators Report. Sustainable Pittsburgh will use this report to continue to build community awareness about and commitment to sustainability principles. Sustainable Pittsburgh has begun to identify key project proposals in the region, which they will evaluate against the Regional Indicators. Foremost among its priority issues is the link between regional transportation, other types of infrastructure, and land use planning. In the coming year, Sustainable Pittsburgh will continue to advocate for reform of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to become a comprehensive regional planning agency, and continue to build momentum in western Pennsylvania for a new metropolitan strategy based on long-term economic prosperity, quality of life, and environmental health.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	10/23/2002	\$300,000	HHE Environment Program	Sustainable Pittsburgh released the first Regional Sustainability Indicators Report, which it will use to continue to build community commitment to sustainability principles. Sustainable Pittsburgh has begun to identify key project proposals in the region to compare with regional indicators. Such projects include the Mon-Fayette Expressway, Deer Creek, and former Dixmont Hospital, among others. Foremost among its priority issues is the link between regional transportation, other types of infrastructure, and land use planning. In the coming year, Sustainable Pittsburgh will continue to advocate for reform of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to become a comprehensive regional planning agency. It also will continue to work to build momentum in western Pennsylvania for a new metropolitan strategy based on long-term economic prosperity, quality of life and environmental health.
Sustainable Pittsburgh	10/22/2003	\$300,000	HHE	With this operating support grant, Sustainable Pittsburgh will continue to

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			Environment Program	partner with the Surface Transportation Policy Project to advocate for reform of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to become a more comprehensive regional planning agency and to be more responsive around transportation issues. It also will continue to work with partners such as the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network to build momentum in western Pennsylvania for a new metropolitan strategy based on long-term economic prosperity, equity, quality of life and environmental health. Sustainable Pittsburgh is playing a leading role in organizing the Smart Growth Partnership, an initiative covering Allegheny County. It also leads initiatives related to amenities and outdoor recreation in the region. Sustainable Pittsburgh also uses its Indicators report to comment on such key project proposals as the Mon-Fayette Expressway, Deer Creek and former Dixmont Hospital site.
Ultra Violet Loop	10/22/2003	\$50,000	HHE Environment Program	The UltraViolet Loop is a volunteer-driven project begun in 2000 by representatives from the New Idea Factory, Ground Zero Action Network, and PUMP. While the UltraViolet Loop is designed to run on weekend nights, connecting Pittsburgh neighborhoods that are home to cultural amenities. Such a circular route will be easy for students, visitors, conventioners and residents to use. Beyond the immediate value of the UV Loop, the project is intended to be a part of and model for looking at public transportation as more than a way to commute to work. During the past three years, initial private and foundation funding from the Richard King Mellon and Pittsburgh Foundations and neighborhood businesses, has enabled three trial runs with a contracted private carrier, leading to the current 18-month exploratory run in partnership with the Port Authority of Allegheny County. The project includes a creative branding, media and marketing campaign to promote the use of the UltraViolet Loop with a diverse group of riders. Partnerships, sponsorships and Loop-related projects have been developed with a broad range of community development organizations – key stakeholders in the success of this initiative. This interim grant would help fund the project through September 2003.
WorkKeys	4/26/2001	\$250,000	VIHE	These funds will help schools align academic content and achievement

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			Economic Opportunity & Education Programs	standards with employers' requirements for workplace skills, and also help students obtain useful information about how well their skills "fit" workplace requirements. This is the second year of Endowments support for an effort to implement WorkKeys, a tool that is used nationwide to assess workplace skill competencies, on a regional scale, involving over 15,000 high school students. WorkKeys tests students for three foundation skills (reading, applied math and locating information), creates a pooled recruiting process, and helps firms recruit from these applicants. At the same time, this project will work with school leaders to help them become more effective partners and to provide feedback on how well their academic programs fit the requirements of the regional labor market. The intent is to expand the WorkKeys process to a high percent of regional seniors as well as, longer term, to a significant percent of tenth grade students.
WorkKeys	5/13/2002	\$250,000	VIHE Economic Opportunity & Education Programs	With Endowment support, the Keys2Work program will test 10 th and 12 th graders for three fundamental skills (reading, applied math and locating information) and then help students match their scores against skill requirements for a broad range of occupations. At the same time, this project will work with school leaders to help them become more effective partners and to provide feedback on how well their academic programs fit the requirements of the regional labor market. Keys2Work will provide the tools and expertise that students and educators need to (a) understand the meaning of the skills tests, (b) relate these skills to existing academic standards and (c) offer training to incorporate those standards into their school programs and curricula. In 2001, Heinz Endowments funding enabled Keys2Work to complete its pilot phase and administer tests to 3,000 high school seniors in 26 high schools from 15 school districts. In 2002, the intent is to test 10,000 sophomore and senior students in 75 schools.
WorkKeys	5/12/2003	\$250,000	VIHE Economic Opportunity & Education Programs	Keys2Work, uses an emerging national assessment tool called WorkKeys to assess workplace skill competencies. Reacting to school and community concerns about student skills in 2002, Keys2Work tested 10,000 10 th graders and 4,500 11 th grade students in 100 high schools. In 2003, with The Endowments' third year of support, the Keys2Work program will test 18,000 high school students for three fundamental skills: reading, applied math and locating information. It also will help students compare their scores with skill requirements for a broad range of occupations.
Youth Standards Project	10/25/2000	\$50,000	VIHE	This grant will support the Youth Standards Project, a two-year initiative

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			Children, Youth & Families Program	that will develop a set of youth standards designed by and for youth-serving organizations. If successful, this grant will help to raise the overall quality of services available to youth and create a common set of expectations for funders.
Youth Standards Project	5/13/2002	\$60,000	VIHE Children, Youth & Families Program	This grant will support the second phase of the Youth Standards Project, which will involve field testing this highly sophisticated framework in area schools and evaluating the types of technical assistance capacity necessary for implementation in the youth-serving arena. During the next year, the field-testing will include assessments and evaluations in eight programs.
Youth Standards Project	10/22/2003	\$150,000	HHE Children, Youth & Families	This third round of support from the Endowments will establish <i>The Community Quality Institute for Youth-Serving Organizations</i> . Its purpose is to replicate the standards process and quality assurance practices to 20 organizations per year.
YouthPlaces	4/26/2001	\$200,000	VIHE Children, Youth & Families Program	This grant supports YouthPlaces, a nonschool hour initiative for older “at-risk” youth that is offered across Allegheny County in fifteen sites. Now in its fourth year of operation, the program is completing an evaluation by the Office of Child Development at the University of Pittsburgh and Public Private Ventures, a nationally recognized organization that specializes in youth-oriented research, evaluation and policy. Youth Places is showing positive results as a community-based approach to youth development. The program has been able to attract a large number of very difficult youth who typically avoid such programs. The YouthPlaces initiative has faced a number of administrative challenges over the course of the past three years, but is now undergoing an 18-month strategic planning process to develop a new organizational structure. This plan involves moving its administrative oversight from the Pittsburgh Council of Public Education to the Tides Center.
TOTAL		\$8,116,000		