

Funders Collaborative gives \$335K in grants

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In the second quarter of 2011, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative awarded five grants totaling more than \$335,000.

The grants awarded — ranging from \$10,200 to \$200,000 — support the collaborative's four goals, including increasing access to affordable housing, building a stronger local economy, creating transit-oriented places, and fostering coordination and collaboration along the light rail transit line.

Through the end of the second quarter, the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative has made 43 grants worth more than \$3.9 million.

The most recent awards went to five organizations:

- [The Twin Cities Community Land Bank](#) is getting \$10,200 to support learning sessions on "the creation of a regionwide strategic acquisition fund";
- [The University Avenue Business Preparation Collaborative \(U7\)](#) is getting \$200,000 to help small businesses through training, technical assistance and financing survive construction of the Central Corridor and the changes in the marketplace that will create;
- [HIRE Minnesota](#) is receiving \$20,000 to create a workforce forecasting tool for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and Central Corridor LRT construction contractors;
- [Springboard for the Arts](#) is getting \$75,000 to support *Irrigate*, an artist-led community development project designed to create "a cultural corridor that preserves and builds distinct neighborhood identities"; and,
- [The Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs](#) is receiving \$20,000 to support an internship program to increase community participation in the Central Corridor Affordable Housing Coordinated Plan Working Group.

For more information, check out www.funderscollaborative.org.

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