

Gates gives \$150 million in grants for Common Core Standards

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For an initiative billed as being publicly driven, the [Common Core States Initiative](#) has benefited enormously from the generosity of the private philanthropy of Bill and Melinda Gates. How much? About \$150 million worth.

Take a look at this list of grants, obtained [from their foundation's Web site](#). Note not only the amounts but the wide range of organizations receiving money. Universities. Unions. State education departments. Nonprofits. Think tanks. The grants were given for a range of reasons, including developing materials aligned to the standards and building support for the standards.

You can see how invested the Gates Foundation is in the success of the Common Core. What kind of Core support do these grants buy from the organizations that receive them?

If you want to see what each grant is for, [click here](#) and you can access each grant description. At the bottom of the list are a few descriptions of specific grants.

WestEd	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$30,000
LearnZillion, Inc.	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$965,525
University of Kentucky Research Foundation	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,000,000
Delaware Department of Education	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$400,000
National Paideia Center Inc	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$659,788
The Aspen Institute Inc	2013	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,615,655
The Achievement Network	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,002,252
Kentucky Department of Education	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,903,089
Colorado Legacy Foundation	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,748,337
Fund for Public Schools Inc	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,815,810
Council of Chief State School Officers	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$475,000
BetterLesson, Inc.	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,527,240
The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$99,997
JUMP Math	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$698,587
Center for Curriculum Redesign Inc.	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$198,000
Pennsylvania Business Roundtable	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$257,391

<u>Educational Foundation</u>				
<u>American Federation Of Teachers Educational Foundation</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$4,400,000
<u>University of Arizona</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,416,901
<u>American Enterprise Institute For Public Policy Research</u>	2012	Global Policy & Advocacy	US Program	\$1,068,788
<u>State Education Technology</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$500,000
<u>Student Achievement Partners Inc</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$4,042,920
<u>Baton Rouge Area Foundation</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$500,000
<u>National Governors Association Center For Best Practices</u>	2012	Strategic Partnerships	US Program	\$37,674
<u>University of Michigan</u>	2012	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,999,999
<u>The College-Ready Promise</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$300,000
<u>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$2,889,132
<u>Scholastic Inc.</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$4,463,541
<u>New Venture Fund</u>	2011	Global Policy & Advocacy	US Program	\$378,000
<u>Learning Forward</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$999,795
<u>The University of the State of New York</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$600,000
<u>Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Inc.</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$350,000
<u>Americas Promise-The Alliance For Youth</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$500,000
<u>Hillsborough County Council of PTA/PTSAs</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$25,000
<u>Military Child Education Coalition</u>	2011	Global Policy & Advocacy	US Program	\$149,965
<u>Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.</u>	2011	Postsecondary Success	US Program	\$4,618,652
<u>Council of State Governments</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$369,623
<u>Khan Academy Inc.</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$4,079,361
<u>National Writing Project</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,095,593
<u>National Indian Education Association</u>	2011	Strategic Partnerships	US Program	\$500,000
<u>Council Of The Great City Schools</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$4,910,988
<u>Council of Chief State School Officers</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$9,388,911
<u>Prichard Committee for Academic</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$198,206

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<u>Creative Commons Corporation</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$812,955
<u>Louisiana Department of Education</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$7,351,708
<u>Colorado Legacy Foundation</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$9,707,210
<u>Kentucky Department of Education</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$9,125,277
<u>American Federation Of Teachers Educational Foundation</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,000,000
<u>Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction</u>	2011	Community Grants	US Program	\$75,000
<u>Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,024,695
<u>National Association of State Boards of Education</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,077,960
<u>National Governors Association Center For Best Practices</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,598,477
<u>Reasoning Mind, Inc.</u>	2011	College-Ready	US Program	\$742,996
<u>MetaMetrics, Inc.</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,468,005
<u>New Visions for Public Schools, Inc</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$8,149,935
<u>Pennsylvania Department of Education</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$526,960
<u>The University of the State of New York</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$892,500
<u>Kentucky Department of Education</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,000,000
<u>Georgia Department of Education</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,980,892
<u>Center for Teaching Quality, Inc.</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$395,836
<u>Alliance for Excellent Education, Inc.</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$3,200,004
<u>Education Commission of the States</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$799,221
<u>Albuquerque Public Schools</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$500,000
<u>Khan Academy Inc.</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,464,667
<u>School District of Philadelphia</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$500,000
<u>Cleveland Metropolitan School District</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$497,752
<u>Cristo Rey Network</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$556,006
<u>Research for Action Inc</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,309,409
<u>Purdue University</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$1,453,832
<u>Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Inc.</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$151,431
<u>Forsyth County Schools</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$151,200
<u>New York University</u>	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$40,282

Council Of The Great City Schools	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$100,000
Council of State Governments	2010	College-Ready	US Program	\$399,953
Common Core Inc.	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$550,844
James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy Foundation, Inc.	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$5,549,352
Alliance for Excellent Education, Inc.	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$551,336
National Association of State Boards of Education	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$450,675
Thomas B. Fordham Institute	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$959,116
The Education Trust	2009 and earlier	College-Ready	US Program	\$2,039,526
Military Child Education Coalition	2009 and earlier	Global Policy & Advocacy	US Program	\$269,998

Here are some specific grants:

The Aspen Institute

Date: January 2013

Purpose: to support the Aspen Institute’s Urban Superintendents Network, develop resources to integrate Common Core State Standards and educator effectiveness policies and practices, and use lessons from the field to inform national policy

Amount: \$3,615,655

Term: 24

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Grantee Website: <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/>

Scholastic, Inc.

Date: November 2011

Purpose: to support teachers’ implementation of the Common Core State Standards in

Mathematics

Amount: \$4,463,541

Term: 37

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: New York, New York

Grantee Website: <http://www2.scholastic.com>

American Federation Of Teachers Educational Foundation

Date: June 2012

Purpose: to support the AFT Innovation Fund and work on teacher development and Common Core State Standards

Amount: \$4,400,000

Term: 24

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Grantee Website: <http://www.aft.org>

The NEA [National Education Association] Foundation for the Improvement of Education

Date: October 2012

Purpose: to build and enhance teacher voice in the development and implementation of the teacher and leader Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and the Common Core State Standards

Amount: \$99,997

Term: 8

Topic: College-Ready, Global Policy & Advocacy

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Washington, District of Columbia

Grantee Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/>

Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc.

Date: October 2011

Purpose: to partner with other foundations to support a project fund supporting state-led efforts aligning higher education placement requirements with college readiness assessments developed through the Common Core assessment consortia

Amount: \$4,618,652

Term: 44
Topic: Postsecondary Success
Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA
Program: United States
Grantee Location: New York, New York
Grantee Website: <http://www.rockpa.org>

Khan Academy Inc.

Date: July 2011
Purpose: to develop the remaining K-12 math exercises to ensure full coverage of the Common Core math standards and form a small team to implement a blended learning model
Amount: \$4,079,361
Term: 17
Topic: College-Ready
Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA
Program: United States
Grantee Location: Mountain View, California
Grantee Website: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Council Of The Great City Schools

Date: June 2011
Purpose: to promote and coordinate successful implementation of the new common core standards in major urban public school systems nationwide
Amount: \$4,910,988
Term: 37
Topic: College-Ready
Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA
Program: United States
Grantee Location: Washington, District of Columbia
Grantee Website: <http://www.cgcs.org>

Council of Chief State School Officers

Date: June 2011
Purpose: to support the Common Core State Standards work
Amount: \$9,388,911
Term: 36
Topic: College-Ready
Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA
Program: United States
Grantee Location: Washington, District of Columbia
Grantee Website: <http://www.ccsso.org>

Kentucky Department of Education

Date: June 2011

Purpose: to provide organizational support to the Kentucky Department of Education related to implementation of the Common Core State Standards & teacher development and evaluation systems

Amount: \$9,125,277

Term: 35

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Frankfort, Kentucky

Grantee Website: <http://www.kde.state.ky.us>

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Date: February 2011

Purpose: to provide teachers and school leaders with supports to implement the Common Core State Standards at the district, school, and classroom levels

Amount: \$3,024,695

Term: 35

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Alexandria, Virginia

Grantee Website: <http://www.ascd.org>

National Association of State Boards of Education

Date: February 2011

Purpose: to build the capacity of State Boards of Education to better position them to achieve full implementation of the Common Core standards

Amount: \$1,077,960

Term: 24

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Arlington, Virginia

Grantee Website: <http://www.nasbe.org>

New Visions for Public Schools, Inc

Date: November 2010

Purpose: to support the Common Core/Career and College initiative (C4) effort designed to improve student achievement and teacher effectiveness through key strategies

Amount: \$8,149,935

Term: 35

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: New York City, New York

Grantee Website: <http://www.newvisions.org>

University of Arizona

Date: June 2012

Purpose: to produce content to illustrate the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

Amount: \$3,416,901

Term: 36

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Tucson, Arizona

Grantee Website: <http://www.sps.arizona.edu/>

University of Michigan

Date: March 2012

Purpose: to build resources to help teachers develop their practice and teach the Common Core State Standards

Amount: \$1,999,999

Term: 24

Topic: College-Ready

Regions Served: GLOBAL|NORTH AMERICA

Program: United States

Grantee Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Grantee Website: <http://www.umich.edu>