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Blue Shield Foundation doles out \$16 million

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San Francisco's [Blue Shield of California Foundation](#) has awarded another \$16 million to 301 organizations statewide, including 85 in the Bay Area, bringing its total grants to community groups so far this year to \$22 million.

Nearly \$4 million of the new round of grants is going to local organizations, foundation officials said Oct. 3, including \$2.1 million to fund specific ongoing projects. Those include:

- \$1 million to the Health Technology Center in San Francisco, also known as HealthTech, to support the CalRHIO statewide initiative to improve health care by improving California's health-care IT infrastructure.
- Nearly \$345,000 to the [University of California, San Francisco](#), to improve coordination of care for HIV/AIDS patients through use of a web-based communication system.
- \$200,000 to San Mateo's Youth and Family Enrichment Services for "culturally appropriate" domestic violence intervention and prevention services.
- \$115,000 to Oakland's Public Health Institute for various health and social service programs and to help community-based organizations improve their technology.

In addition, the Blue Shield Foundation, an offshoot of San Francisco-based Blue Shield of California, is contributing more than \$1.6 million to 50 community clinics and \$220,000 to 21 domestic violence centers. Those grants include \$180,000 to Planned Parenthood chapters in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties, \$60,000 to La Clinica de La Raza's Fruitvale Health Project in Oakland, and \$50,000 to the Mission Neighborhood Health Center in San Francisco.

Last year, the foundation gave grants totaling \$24 million, up from \$8 million in 2003. This year, it plans to do another round of grants by year-end, boosting 2005's total to \$30 million, said spokeswoman Carri Cummings.