



TOP Supports Faith- and Community-Based Organizations

Beginning in 2002, the grant announcement explicitly designates faith-based organizations as eligible grantees. Here are some of the projects that TOP has funded that are being carried out by faith-based and community organizations:

Center for Urban Missions (Birmingham, Alabama) operates eight neighborhood programs through a coalition of faith-based and community organizations, using wireless technologies to provide job skills to young people and adults seeking work.

Ekklesia Development Corporation (Cincinnati, Ohio) is creating one of the first online directories linking faith-based social service providers.

The Jubilee Project (Sneedville, Tennessee) is a faith-based organization helping to increase the chances of success for start-up specialty food production companies in the remote, impoverished counties of east Tennessee.

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (Silver Spring, Maryland) is working with two historically Black colleges and nearby churches within a five-mile radius of each campus to provide technology-driven support for at-risk high school students to help them develop their academic and career promise.

Khmer Health Advocates (Leverett, Massachusetts) is working with partners, including the Cambodian Buddhist Temple, to create a telemedicine network to address health issues faced by Cambodian Americans.



Grambling State University (Grambling, Louisiana), is working with six Black churches in rural Louisiana to increase community residents' use of the Internet for health and educational purposes.

Metropolitan Hospital (Grand Rapids, Michigan) provides remote interpreting services to several organizations, including the Catholic Human Development Outreach.

The National Urban Technology Center's Community Employment Network (New York, New York) connects public assistance recipients with employment training and listings for jobs and internships at area Baptist churches.

Mayor's Office of Information Services, Community Services Network, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) is offering innovative software tools, technical training, and network connectivity to link city and non-profit human service agencies that work with low-income communities.

Darkness to Light (Charleston, South Carolina) is using a complete web-based training package for youth/faith organizations and their employees and volunteers to reduce the number of incidents of child sexual abuse.