Waitt Foundation Commits $150 Million to Protect 1 Million Square Miles of Ocean (Grants Roundup)

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Here are notable new grant awards compiled by the Chronicle:

**Waitt Foundation**

$150 million over 10 years to the Blue Prosperity Coalition for conservation partnerships to protect a million square miles of ocean. Its government partners include the Azores, Barbuda, Bermuda, Curaçao, the Republic of Maldives, the Federated States of Micronesia, Montserrat, and Tonga.

**Rotary**

$50 million pledge for efforts to eradicate wild poliovirus type 3 in Africa and the Middle East. The program has secured a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has promised an additional $100 million in support.

**J.P. Morgan**

$25 million over five years to improve skills development for young people in India. As part of this pledge, the bank gave $10 million to the Skills and Training in Schools for Youth Multi Donor Trust Fund, a project by the World Bank working with low- and middle-income communities in India.

**Atlantic Philanthropies**
$13.1 million to George Washington University’s Milken Institute School of Public Health to continue to support the work of the Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity. Of the gift, $10.1 million will augment the Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity program. The remaining $3 million will endow a professorship of health work-force equity at the university.

**Rockefeller Foundation and Mastercard**

$7.5 million to the Benefits Data Trust to streamline access to food, health care, housing, and other services that aim to improve health and economic mobility for more than 5 million low-income people in the United States. The Rockefeller Foundation contributed $5 million and the Mastercard Impact Fund, administered by the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, is providing $2.5 million.

**Ascendium Education Group, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Kresge Foundation**

$5.4 million to Strong Start to Finish to provide low-income students, students of color, and returning adults with tools and resources to succeed in college-level math and English at state universities and community colleges.

**CVS Health**

$1.5 million over three years to the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics to train and hire additional staff at 60 free clinics in Ohio that serve 52,000 underinsured people, and support programs that address chronic-disease management and social determinants of health.

**Oncor**

$1 million to Klyde Warren Park for its capital campaign to expand this public park in Dallas.

**New Grant Opportunity**

The CTIA Wireless Foundation is accepting proposals for Catalyst, a new competitive grants program that aims to expand wireless innovation to improve health and wellness in the United States. The first-place finalist will receive $100,000, and two other finalists will receive $50,000 and $25,000. Applications are due December 9.

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