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**THE LISA AND DOUGLAS GOLDMAN FUND AWARDS**  
**\$12.4 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 2014**

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The Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund announces grants totaling nearly \$12.4 million awarded to 244 nonprofit organizations in 2014. Grants address the strategic priorities of the Fund, including reducing the influence of money in politics, strengthening K-12 public education, transforming the environmental performance of industries, improving health education and access to sports and recreation activities for youth, engaging young adults in Jewish life, combatting anti-Semitism, enhancing security at reproductive health clinics, and providing disaster recovery and relief.

Grants include:

**[Democracy and Civil Liberties](#)**

**Educational Fund To Stop Gun Violence**, Washington, DC, \$60,000, to develop an implementation strategy for California's gun violence restraining order and compile findings for dissemination to other states.

**Media Matters for America**, Washington, DC, \$75,000, to develop a media tracking system that tracks sources of misinformation in the media and predicts their lifecycles in order to respond strategically and effectively.

**William J. Brennan Jr. Center For Justice Inc**, New York, NY, \$50,000, to reduce the influence of money in politics by defending campaign finance laws and developing legal strategies to counter the power of special interests in the US political system.

**Youth Engagement Fund**, Washington, DC, \$50,000, to improve voter education programs aimed at registering young voters, getting young voters to the polls, and developing leaders in the field.

**[Education and Literacy](#)**

**Aim High For High School**, San Francisco, CA, \$50,000, to align Aim High's curriculum and teacher training program with the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.

**Mission Science Workshop**, San Francisco, CA, \$40,000, to provide science programs and resources to students, families, and educators in San Francisco's Excelsior District and neighboring communities.

### Environment

**Friends of the Earth**, Washington, DC, \$50,000, to secure commitments from retailers and institutions to eliminate the use of pesticides that are harmful to bees and advocate for policies that protect bees and other pollinators.

**Great Communities Collaborative**, San Francisco, CA, \$60,000, to stimulate sustainable and equitable development in the Bay Area by promoting transit-oriented development that moves housing away from auto-dependent sprawl.

**Health Care Without Harm**, Reston, VA, \$50,000, to promote sustainability strategies at American hospitals to influence the demand and supply of safer chemicals, materials, and products.

**Pacific Institute**, Oakland, CA, \$25,000, to advocate for California water policy reform, communicate the impacts of the drought through the media, and promote water conservation and efficiency via online resources and tools.

**Western Rivers Conservancy**, Portland, OR, \$50,000, to establish the 47,000 acre Blue Creek Salmon Sanctuary and Climate Preserve in the coastal temperate rainforest of northwestern California for transfer to the Yurok Tribe.

### Health and Recreation

**Community Health Resource Center**, San Francisco, CA, \$15,000, to provide free, early-intervention health screenings to underserved populations at community centers in low-income neighborhoods of San Francisco.

**Girls on the Run of the Bay Area**, San Francisco, CA, \$20,000, to foster positive physical, social, and emotional development for girls through running and other activities.

**Peer Health Exchange**, San Francisco, CA, \$50,000, to train college students to teach health education in San Francisco public high schools.

**Playworks Education Energized**, Oakland, CA, \$50,000, to provide opportunities for children to engage in healthy and inclusive play through school recess and extracurricular activities.

### Jewish Community

**J. The Jewish News Weekly of Northern California**, San Francisco, CA, \$100,000, to develop and deliver the digital content of one of the oldest Jewish publications in America.

**Jewish Community Relations Council**, San Francisco, CA, \$150,000, to build Jewish organizations' skills and capacity to manage and advocate on Israel-related and other issues that arise.

**The Kitchen**, San Francisco, CA, \$80,000, to help The Kitchen grow its capacity to engage Bay Area young adults in Jewish religious programs.

**San Francisco Jewish Film Festival**, San Francisco, CA, \$37,000, to offer film screenings and events for young adults (ages 21 to 35) during the summer festival and throughout the year.

**Urban Adamah**, Berkeley, CA, \$50,000, to enable an organization that integrates Judaism, environmental stewardship, and social action to transition to its new location in Berkeley.

### Reproductive Health and Rights

**Law Students For Reproductive Justice**, Oakland, CA, \$25,000, to promote new course offerings, research, and writing on reproductive rights law.

**Medical Students for Choice**, Philadelphia, PA, \$30,000, to support medical students working to make reproductive healthcare a part of standard medical education and residency training.

**National Abortion Federation**, Washington, DC, \$65,000, to help reproductive health clinics and providers counter anti-abortion harassment and violence.

**Physicians for Reproductive Health**, New York, NY, \$20,000, to reform graduate medical education by enhancing training requirements for comprehensive reproductive healthcare in residencies.

### San Francisco Bay Area Projects and Initiatives

**East Bay Zoological Society**, Oakland, CA, \$130,000, to transform 56 acres at the Oakland Zoo into a living environment where visitors can learn about California's native plants and wildlife.

**Marine Mammal Center**, Sausalito, CA, \$150,000, to construct new intensive care and quarantine pens and make other facility and safety improvements.

### Special Projects and Initiatives

**American Jewish World Service**, New York, NY, \$25,000, to support emergency response efforts to stop the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa.

For a list of all grantees, visit the grants database [here](#).

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### **About the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund**

Lisa and Douglas Goldman established their foundation in 1992 to support charitable organizations that enhance our society. Since its founding, the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund has awarded philanthropic contributions of over \$80 million to nearly 650 nonprofit organizations. The Fund's assets currently total approximately \$235 million. The foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations working in the areas of democracy and civil liberties, education and literacy, environment, health and recreation, the Jewish community, reproductive health and rights, and San Francisco Bay Area institutions. <http://ldgfund.org/>