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Blue Shield Foundation Awards \$5M for Health Care, Other Programs

On Thursday, the Blue Shield of California Foundation announced that it will award \$5 million in fourth-quarter grants to programs that aim to improve health care and other social services in the state, the *San Francisco Business Times* reports.

The latest funding round will bring the foundation's total grants to \$28.9 million in 2009, about \$1.1 million less than the group initially planned to award this year.

About \$1.5 million of the fourth-quarter funds will go toward safety net health care programs and initiatives that aim to expand health coverage for uninsured populations.

The health care grants include:

- \$665,000 to the New America Foundation to run educational programs about strategies for improving California's health care system;
- \$575,000 to the Center for Government Studies' "Insure the Uninsured Project" to conduct policy analysis of health care coverage options; and
- \$200,000 to Community Health Councils to integrate health care delivery networks in south Los Angeles (Rauber, *San Francisco Business Times*, 12/10).

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