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CHICAGO -- Fifteen organizations have been named recipients of the 2012 "Award for Creative and Effective Institutions" by the MacArthur Foundation and will received grants of \$350,000 to \$2.5 million, depending on the annual budget of the organization.

_Albertine Rift Conservation Society, Kampala, Uganda (\$350,000). Champions collaborative conservation initiatives in one of the world's most important ecosystems.

_Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, Chicago (\$750,000). Works to reduce poverty by making public housing more affordable, improving Chicago schools, and promoting open and honest government in Illinois.

_Carnegie Moscow Center, Moscow (\$2.5 million). Provides impartial analysis of Russian politics and policy.

_Center for Investigative Reporting, Berkeley, Calif. (\$1 million). Produces groundbreaking nonprofit investigative journalism.

_Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, N.C. (\$2 million). Protects homeownership and family assets by working to eliminate abusive financial practices and consumer products.

_Community Investment Corporation, Chicago (\$2 million). Provides assistance to developers of rental housing in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in Chicago.

_Conservation Strategy Fund, Sebastopol, Calif. (\$750,000). Trains conservation professionals in economics and policy analysis to strengthen and protect the environment.

_Crisis Action, London (\$750,000). Works to avert conflicts, prevent human rights abuses and ensure that governments fulfill their obligations to protect civilians during times of conflict.

_Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy at New York University, New York (\$1 million). Uses objective evidence to spur thoughtful discussion and effective action to improve housing and economic development policy.

_Girls' Power Initiative, Calabar, Nigeria (\$350,000). Empowers and educates girls about their sexual and reproductive health.

_International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Washington, D.C. (\$1 million). Promotes a global legal environment where civil society, philanthropy and civic participation can thrive.

_Moscow Helsinki Group, Moscow (\$750,000). Advances the protection of human rights through advocacy, monitoring, analysis, networking and training.

_National Juvenile Defender Center, Washington, D.C. (\$750,000). Protects children's rights by organizing, networking and building the capacity of juvenile defenders.

_Red Nacional de Derechos Humanos (Red TDT), Mexico City (\$350,000). Monitors and documents human rights abuses while advocating for reform.

_The Moth, New York (\$750,000). Dedicated to the art of storytelling to document our common humanity.

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