



# IAF Grants along the Mexican Border

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The Inter-American Foundation's current Mexico portfolio contains 31 active grants worth a total of \$10,418,149. Six grantees, who received a total of \$2,099,450, support projects along the U.S.-Mexico border. Additionally, two border organizations recently completed projects funded with \$571,041 from the IAF.

**Comité de Promoción Social del Valle del Yaqui (PROVAY)**, Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, \$386,400 over three years. In collaboration with the municipality of Cajeme, Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense and the Fundación de Apoyo Infantil Sonora, PROVAY will help women heads-of-households build safe and durable homes, improving living conditions for 970 beneficiaries; will assist 150 individuals with micro-enterprises; and will work toward better environmental conditions for 5,000 residents of low-income communities.

**Fundación Comunitaria de la Frontera Norte, A. C. (FCFNAC)**, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, \$315,000 over three years. FCFNAC will implement an innovative community participatory process and support improvement projects managed by community groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), benefiting more than 150,000 low-income people.



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Laborer from grantee organization PROVAY making adobe bricks to build ecological homes for Sonora families earning a minimum wage (approximately \$2,460 a year).

## IAF Border Partnership

The IAF is a founding member of the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership announced on March 17, 2003. The Partnership, a coalition of nine national and regional foundations and 20 community foundations, will make \$20 million available to fight poverty on both sides of the border.

Donors will contribute \$10 million, to be matched by the border community foundations for projects, to build and strengthen organizational leadership and local grant programs.

Other Partnership members include the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation, Fundación Gonzalo Río-Arronte, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Houston Endowment, McCune Charitable Foundation, Meadows Foundation and the Mott Foundation. For a list of community foundations and additional information, please see [www.borderpartnership.org](http://www.borderpartnership.org).

**Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense, A.C. (FESAC)**, Hermosillo, Sonora, \$372,500 over three and one-half years. FESAC will mobilize more than \$630,000 from businesses and other private sources to support projects managed by community groups and NGOs along Mexico's border with Arizona. A foundation whose membership consists of 6,000 business leaders, FESAC works in partnership with civic leaders and NGOs to improve the quality of life for 1,200 residents of 10 cities and surrounding areas in Sonora.

**Fundación Habitat y Vivienda, A.C. (FUNHAVI)**, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, \$200,000 over three years. In collaboration with the business sector, FUNHAVI will mobilize more than \$165,000 toward a loan fund for home improvements, including connection to municipal water delivery and sewage systems, benefiting 2,115 individuals in Ciudad Juárez, half a mile from El Paso, Texas.

**Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad, A.C. (FIC)**, Baja California, \$400,000 over three years. To benefit 1,800 people in urban and rural areas, FIC will

strengthen its partnership with business, NGO and philanthropic leaders; mobilize \$400,000 to match its IAF funding; bolster the organizational capacity of more than 200 NGOs and microbusinesses; and support more than 60 small development projects managed by these organizations.

**Fundación UABC, A.C. (FUABC)**, Mexicali, Baja California, \$425,550 over three years. FUABC will foster alliances among universities, businesses, community organizations and governments. The goals are microenterprise development in rural areas, directly benefiting approximately 270 low-income women and their families; improved organizational capacity for more than 90 community groups and NGOs; and the general promotion of development through a stronger relationship with the Imperial Valley in California.

**Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahuense (FECHAC)**, Chihuahua, \$271,041 over three years. With its recent grant, FECHAC created community banks throughout the state, provided small loans to more than 1,000 micro-entrepreneurs, mobilized \$300,000 in savings for additional loan capital, and offered training and technical assistance to micro-enterprise owners, community banks and borrowers. The project primarily benefited women.

**The Fundación Habitat y Vivienda (FUNHAVI)**, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, \$300,000 over three years. With its recent grant, FUNHAVI expanded a revolving loan fund for critical housing improvements, benefiting more than 2,000 low-income individuals.

### FESAC in Action

IAF grantee Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense, A.C. (FESAC) has played a pivotal role in building the first emergency trauma center in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, an area bordering southern Arizona.

FESAC worked to mobilize construction funds and forge agreements among hospital managers and government, political, civic and business leaders in Nogales and the state of Sonora. The new facility will house equipment funded with \$365,000 from U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) channeled through a hospital in Tucson, Arizona. The center should alleviate some of the pressure on Arizona hospitals. Currently the IAF supports FESAC's promotion of local development in Nogales, Hermosillo, Ciudad Obregón, Agua Prieta and other Sonoran cities.



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Cecilia Valdez watering roses with her son outside her Sonora home built by PROVAY.

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