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Creativity awards announced

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 (UPI) -- Nine organizations, including two in Chicago, have been selected to receive the first MacArthur awards for Creative and Effective Institutions.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, in a release Thursday, established the award to mark the work of non-profit organizations with annual budgets of less than \$2.5 million.

The Chicago recipients -- the Chicago Rehab Network and the North Lawndale Employment Network -- work to preserve affordable housing and find jobs for low-income residents, many of whom spent time in jail.

Each group will receive from \$250,000 to \$500,000 at ceremonies Oct. 5 in Chicago.

The groups to be honored and amounts to be given are: Chicago Rehab Network, Chicago, \$350,000; CLEEN Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria, \$300,000; Fundar: Center for Analysis and Investigation, Mexico City, \$500,000; Independent Council of Legal Expertise, Moscow, \$250,000; Knowledge Ecology International, London, Geneva, Switzerland and Washington, \$500,000; North Lawndale Employment Network, Chicago, \$400,000; Peruvian Society for Environmental Law, Lima, \$325,000; RealBenefits, Boston; Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health, Maharashtra, India, \$300,000