



Gates Foundation Supports Unusual Research With \$100,000 Grants

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On October 20, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced that 76 grants of \$100,000 each will go to unconventional research approaches to global health issues such as HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, pneumonia and diarrheal diseases, [The Associated Press](#) reports.

According to the article, the foundation distributed these five-year grants, which span 16 countries, to encourage greater innovation among health researchers. One recipient, a University of California in Los Angeles doctoral candidate, is developing a chewing gum that will detect malaria biomarkers in saliva. Another researcher, from Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, will use this funding to test a chocolate “medicine” to help children develop a lifetime resistance to malaria.

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