

## **Bush Foundation Approves \$6.9 Million at March Board Meeting**

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### **BUSH FOUNDATION SUPPORTS BUILDING PROJECTS, ARTS GROUPS, COLLEGES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE**

Saint Paul, Minnesota (March 2, 2004)—The Bush Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants of \$6.9 million to 48 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota at its March 2 meeting. The grants varied widely in size and scope, from \$20,000 to the Domestic Abuse Project in Minneapolis for a fathers' parent education project to \$650,000 to the Minnesota Opera Company to develop fundraising systems and for a matching challenge grant to build their base of donor support.

#### **Arts and Humanities**

Four mid-sized Twin Cities arts organizations received grants through the Bush Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program, which provides unrestricted operating support over a substantial period of time as a way to foster overall organizational development. Recipient organizations were Illusion Theater and School, Inc.; Loft, Inc.; Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Society and, for the first time, the Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

Grants to smaller arts organizations included Zenon Dance Company and School, Inc. and Heart of the Beast Theater, Inc. in the Twin Cities; New York Mills Arts Retreat in New York Mills, Minn. and North Valley Arts Council of Grand Forks, N.D.

#### **Ecological Health**

Organizations working on the prevention of water pollution included the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, which was granted \$150,000, and the Minnesota Land Trust, which received \$125,000 to protect land and shoreline. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources received \$140,000 to identify fragile natural areas so that community planners can protect them during development.

**Health and Human Services**

The Foundation granted nearly \$3 million to 29 health and human services organizations in the three-state Bush region. Building projects were funded in the Twin Cities area for Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio, Inc.; People, Incorporated and the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota. A building project for Duluth-based Life House, Incorporated also received a grant. Organizations that support immigrants and refugees received grants, including Reuben Lindh Family Services and Lao Parents and Teachers Association in Minneapolis and Welcome Center, Inc. of Austin, Minn. Grants to organizations focused on the effect of domestic violence on children included \$270,000 to the Tubman Family Alliance in Minneapolis and \$121,854 to Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc. of Fort Thompson, S.D.

Organizations offering mental health and chemical dependency programs received grants, including Chrysalis, Center for Women in Minneapolis; Wayside House in St. Louis Park and Family Recovery Home, Inc. in Williston, N.D. Greater Twin Cities United Way St. Paul received a grant for its strategic planning fund to help nonprofit organizations plan for and implement strategic change.

**Higher Education**

Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. received a \$425,000 matching capital grant to support construction of the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service. The Foundation awarded a grant to the Historically Black College and University Faculty Development Network through Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Miss. Fort Berthold Community College in New Town, N.D. and Macalester College in St. Paul each received grants for faculty development. The United Negro College Fund also received a grant of \$350,000 for support of its 39 member colleges and universities.

The Bush Foundation is a private grantmaking organization fostering vibrant communities and vital leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation funds organizations in the areas of arts and humanities, health and human services, education and ecological health in the region that includes Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Its individual fellowship programs in the arts, leadership and medicine are open to candidates from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and northwestern Wisconsin. The Bush Foundation also supports fully accredited tribal colleges and private, historically black colleges and universities throughout the United States.

List of Individual Grants

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**Heart of the Beast Theatre, Incorporated** \$40,000

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a system to increase and retain individual donors

**Illusion Theater and School, Inc.** \$180,000

Minneapolis, MN

For renewed operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Loft, Inc.** \$200,000

Minneapolis, MN

For renewed operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Minnesota Center for Book Arts** \$129,600

Minneapolis, MN

For initial operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Minnesota Opera Company** \$650,000

Minneapolis, MN

To design and implement a development initiative to stimulate new individual and corporate contributors

**New York Mills Arts Retreat** \$34,800

New York Mills, MN

For additional administrative and promotional support related to a new arts program for teens in rural Minnesota

**North Valley Arts Council** \$25,000

Grand Forks, ND

To increase the time and compensation of the administrative coordinator and support associated activities

**Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Society** \$600,000

St. Paul, MN

For renewed operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Zenon Dance Company and School, Inc.** \$35,000  
Minneapolis, MN  
To develop and implement a plan to increase individual donors

**EDUCATION**

**Dakota Wesleyan University** \$425,000  
Mitchell, SD  
For a matching capital grant to support construction of the George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Public Service

**Fort Berthold Community College** \$90,000  
New Town, ND  
To improve faculty skills in instructional technology, curriculum development, assessment of student learning, and knowledge of tribal cultures, and to help faculty complete graduate degrees

**Macalester College** \$300,000  
St. Paul, MN  
To renew a faculty development program that deepens the capacity of faculty to teach and advise students from all backgrounds and prepares students for a multicultural world

**Tougaloo College** \$100,000  
Tougaloo, MS  
To expand activities of the Historically Black College and University Network

**United Negro College Fund, Inc.** \$350,000  
Fairfax, VA  
To support 39 United Negro College Fund member colleges and universities

**HEALTH**

**Health Education Development System, Inc.** \$53,000  
Ft. Meade, SD  
To contract computer and faculty trainers

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**Access of the Red River Valley, Inc.** \$55,000

Moorhead, MN

To hire a behavioral management coordinator to develop and implement a state-approved training curriculum for mental health behavioral aides

**Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, Inc.** \$20,000

Minneapolis, MN

For a strategic plan

**Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio, Inc.** \$375,000

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign to lease space in Minneapolis and to build a mixed-use facility on St. Paul's east side

**Chrysalis, Center for Women** \$60,000

Minneapolis, MN

To start a new program that treats women with the co-occurring disorders of mental illness and chemical dependency

**Development Corporation for Children** \$160,000

Minneapolis, MN

To expand child care businesses in North Dakota and South Dakota through a model which integrates financing, business development, and investment strategies

**District 202** \$90,000

Minneapolis, MN

To fund a transition in management structure and to develop an agency-wide evaluation plan for an agency that provides a safe and supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth

**Domestic Abuse Project, Inc.** \$20,000

Minneapolis, MN

For the fathers' parent education project

**Family Alternatives** \$50,000

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a program for teens in foster care

**Family Recovery Home, Inc.** \$140,460

Williston, ND

To expand services to include residential treatment

**Greater Twin Cities United Way** \$50,000

St. Paul, MN

For the Strategic Planning Fund to enable nonprofit organizations to plan for and implement strategic change, including mergers or significant agency restructuring

**Growing Home** \$80,000

St. Paul, MN

To implement supportive services at a 12-unit supportive housing program for youth who have become ineligible for public support and are exiting from foster care or residential treatment in a hospital, center, or group home

**Lao Parents and Teachers Association** \$80,000

Minneapolis, MN

To expand a volunteer program

**Leadership Empowerment and Development Group** \$70,000

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a training initiative to strengthen the management skills of African nonprofit leaders

**Lewis and Clark CommunityWorks** \$75,000

Bismarck, ND

To expand operations of a revolving housing loan fund for low-income people in North Dakota

**Life House, Incorporated** \$65,000

Duluth, MN

To renovate supportive housing for five homeless and sexually exploited young women with mental health or chemical dependency problems

**Mental Health Association in North Dakota** \$60,000

Bismarck, ND

For a comprehensive statewide 2-1-1 Information and Referral System for North Dakota

**Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**      \$225,000  
St. Paul, MN  
For a demonstration project to sustain cultural minority elders in their Communities

**Minneapolis Urban League**      \$118,479  
Minneapolis, MN  
To provide family education and support for African immigrants and refugees in an employment program

**People, Incorporated**      \$340,000  
St. Paul, MN  
For a capital campaign to renovate existing facilities and construct a new building to serve people with mental illness

**Reuben Lindh Family Services**      \$60,000  
Minneapolis, MN  
To support the Southeast Asian Kindergarten Readiness Program

**Seventh Circuit Court Appointed Special Advocate Program**      \$83,000  
Rapid City, SD  
Toward wages and expenses for two new volunteer coordinator positions

**St. David's Child Development and Family Services**      \$114,205  
Minnetonka, MN  
For personnel involved with development and implementation of a program for at-risk teen mothers; a formal evaluation for development and improvement of the program; and one year planning for expanded mental health services

**Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota, Inc.**      \$145,000  
St. Paul, MN  
Toward a capital campaign for a Tibetan Community Cultural Center

**Tubman Family Alliance**      \$270,000

Minneapolis, MN

To expand a pilot intervention program to identify and serve children exposed to violence

**Wayside House, Inc.** \$20,000

St. Louis Park, MN

To support strategic planning for delivery of chemical dependency treatment services in response to changing regulations and funding

**Welcome Center, Inc.** \$20,000

Austin, MN

To expand services to include citizenship, English as a Second Language (ESL), job skills, and community education.

**Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc.** \$121,854

Fort Thompson, SD

To provide services to children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault

**YouthLink** \$142,500

Minneapolis, MN

To develop partnership between YouthLink and Project Foundation to enhance service delivery to homeless and runaway youth

**OTHER**

**Center for Health, Environment and Justice** \$50,000

Falls Church, VA

To promote a precautionary approach to protecting the environment and children's health

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund** \$95,000

St. Paul, MN

To renovate the Minnesota Women's Building

**Minnesota Environmental Partnership** \$150,000

St. Paul, MN

To reduce water pollutants and strengthen work with similar organizations

**Minnesota Land Trust** \$125,000  
St. Paul, MN  
For permanent protection of land and shoreline to  
improve water quality in Minnesota

**State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources** \$140,000  
St. Paul, MN  
To develop information to guide community development  
planning that protects natural resources