

## **Bush Foundation Awards More Than \$7.2 Million at March Board Meeting**

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### **BUSH FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$7.2 MILLION TO MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIZATIONS**

Saint Paul, Minnesota (March 9, 2005)—The Children’s Theatre Company and School received a \$500,000 capital grant from the Bush Foundation Board of Directors at its March 1 meeting. This grant contributes to the initial phase of a campaign to fund the first major renovation of their 30-year-old facility in Minneapolis. Other significant capital grants made at the meeting include \$500,000 to the Minneapolis American Indian Center to renovate its Franklin Avenue center and \$300,000 to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches to construct a Center for Families in North Minneapolis. In all, the Foundation made grants of \$7,294,602 to 49 organizations mostly located in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Please [click here](#) for a listing of grants by program area.

### **Environmental Health**

The Headwaters Foundation for Justice was granted \$400,000 toward its environmental justice fund, which will regrant the funds to small environmental groups that seek to improve health in communities of color, American Indian and low-income communities in Minnesota. The Community Design Center received \$140,000 to expand a youth conservation corps and establish a peer leadership program on Saint Paul’s East Side. Two Twin Cities-based environmental organizations, Wind on the Wires and the Green Institute, each received \$100,000 grants for work in alternative power and sustainable development in the region. The Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest received \$200,000 to support work in Minnesota and the Dakotas on clean energy development related to the 2002 and 2007 Farm Bills. The Nature Conservancy was granted \$200,000 to sustain momentum at the recently established Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge near Crookston, Minn.

## **Higher Education**

The College of Visual Arts in Saint Paul will use its \$150,000 grant to explore methodologies to expand and improve student learning in their visual and liberal arts courses. Concordia College in Saint Paul received \$296,075 to increase student learning with guided research, service learning and faculty mentoring programs. At the University of Minnesota, a grant of \$303,772 will extend the Minnesota Early Literacy Training project, an initiative to improve the quality of early care and education programs.

In Bismarck, the University of Mary received a grant of \$200,000 to prepare students to use information effectively and to better integrate the liberal arts into professional programs. The Gateway to Science Center, Inc., also in Bismarck, was granted \$58,700 to hire an exhibits coordinator. Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D. was granted \$280,000 toward a faculty development program.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College in Wisconsin received \$90,000 to fund faculty work to infuse Ojibwa culture into its curriculum.

## **Arts and Humanities**

The Mixed Blood Theatre Company in Minneapolis received a two-year grant of \$200,000 through the Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program (RADP). This marks the theater's admission to RADP, which provides long-term targeted operating support to mid-sized arts organizations in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Theatre de la Jeune Lune also received a continuation grant of \$100,000 through the RADP. Pangea World Theater in Minneapolis received a grant of \$60,000 to improve its ability to market itself and make connections with its communities. SASE The Write Place in Minneapolis, an educational institute for writers, received a \$39,660 grant to support a leadership transition.

In South Dakota, the Museum Alliance of Rapid City received a grant of \$30,000 to develop a program to work with local schools and families. In Fargo, N.D., Northern Prairie Performing Arts was granted \$30,000 to develop a professional touring company.

## **Health and Human Services**

Grants for capital campaigns were made to the Neighborhood Involvement Program, Inc. of Minneapolis (\$140,000) and RS Eden of St. Paul (\$80,000) to renovate their facilities. Three Twin Cities groups serving the immigrant and refugee community received grants, including \$60,000 to the Lao Assistance

Center of Minnesota, \$25,000 to The American Oromo Community of Minnesota and \$30,000 to the Minnesota African Women's Association. Other human services organizations receiving grants included Twin Cities RISE! (\$140,000), Arlington House Exec. Management Systems (\$50,000), Central Community Housing Trust (\$100,000), the American Indian Community Development Corporation (\$189,000), Centro Legal, Inc. (\$90,000), Women at the Courthouse, Inc. (\$60,000) and Outfront Minnesota Community Services (\$200,000).

The Mental Health Association of North Dakota received \$50,000 to support the state's 2-1-1 helpline. In South Dakota, Youth and Family Services (Rapid City) received a grant of \$157,829 to add a specialist in web-based tools and resources to its established Operation Smart after-school enrichment program. Lutheran Social Services was granted \$500,000 toward their capital campaign to build and remodel children's residential treatment facilities in Sioux Falls, Spearfish and Aberdeen. The East-Central CASA Program, headquartered in Brookings, S.D., also received a grant of \$72,000 to train and supervise additional volunteers for its Court-Appointed Special Advocates program.

The Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center will use a \$36,000 grant toward a capital campaign to build an addition to its residential treatment center on the Fond du Lac Reservation in Sawyer, Minn. New Pathways, Inc. will use a \$35,000 grant to expand its programs serving people who are homeless. Kinship Partners in Brainerd, Minn. will use a \$10,000 grant to recruit 100 new mentors to serve the 60 children on its waiting list.

The Bush Foundation is a private grantmaking organization fostering vibrant communities and vital leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald G. Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education and ecological health in the region that includes Minnesota and the Dakotas. Its individual fellowship programs for artists, leaders and physicians are open to candidates from the Bush region and parts of northwestern Wisconsin. The Bush Foundation also supports historically Black private colleges and universities and fully accredited tribally controlled colleges throughout the United States.

List of Individual Grants

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**Children's Theatre Company and School** \$500,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward a capital campaign

**Gateway to Science Center, Inc.** \$58,700  
Bismarck, North Dakota

To hire a part-time exhibits coordinator

**Mixed Blood Theatre Company** \$200,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

For initial operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Museum Alliance of Rapid City, Inc.** \$30,000  
Rapid City, South Dakota

To plan an education program

**Northern Prairie Performing Arts** \$30,000  
Fargo, North Dakota

For a planning/pilot grant to establish a professional touring company

**Pangea World Theater Company** \$60,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To hire a half-time marketing/community development director

**S A S E The Write Place** \$39,660  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To support a leadership transition

**Theatre de la Jeune Lune** \$100,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program

**EDUCATION**

**College of Visual Arts**

Saint Paul, Minnesota \$150,000  
To enhance faculty skills in teaching and in the assessment of student learning in visual liberal arts and honors programs

**Concordia University Saint Paul**

Saint Paul, Minnesota \$296,075  
To increase student learning with guided research, service learning, and faculty mentoring

**Jamestown College, Inc.**

Jamestown, North Dakota \$280,000  
To develop a permanent faculty development center, a comprehensive faculty evaluation system, and a student/faculty research program

**Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Inc.**

Hayward, Wisconsin \$90,000  
To infuse Native American culture into the curriculum and to enhance faculty skills in the teaching and assessment of student writing

**University of Mary**

Bismarck, North Dakota \$200,000  
To prepare students to find and use information effectively and to integrate the liberal arts in professional programs

**University of Minnesota**

Minneapolis, Minnesota \$303,772  
To extend the Minnesota Early Literacy Training project

**Youth and Family Services, Inc.**

Rapid City, South Dakota \$157,829  
To add an Operation SMART specialist to the staff to integrate technology into the curriculum and coordinate its implementation at all grade levels

**HEALTH**

**Center for Cross Cultural Health** \$35,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To implement a market research study to inform the development of a business and marketing plan

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**American Indian Community** \$189,000

**Development Corporation**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

For a program that provides medical, mental health, and outpatient treatment services to Native people

**The American Oromo Community of Minnesota** \$25,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To hire a full-time, multilingual self-sufficiency facilitator

**Arlington House Exec. Management Systems** \$50,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To add a full-time licensed therapist to staff a residential treatment program for youth

**Central Community Housing Trust** \$100,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

For staff to develop new models of supportive services for people with a high risk of homelessness or who are chronically homeless

**Centro Legal, Inc.** \$90,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

For a Latino civic engagement project

**Child Care WORKS** \$150,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To expand a program that develops the effectiveness of child care public policy advocates

**Clare Housing** \$136,566

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To add a finance manager position

**East-Central CASA Program** \$72,000

Brookings, South Dakota

To recruit and train new volunteers

**Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches** \$300,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

For a capital campaign to construct a Center for Families in North Minneapolis

**Kinship Partners, Inc.** \$10,000

Brainerd, Minnesota

For mentor recruitment

**Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota** \$60,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To implement a plan to become a family resource center

**Legal Services of North Dakota** \$260,000

Bismarck, North Dakota

Toward a legal education effort in North Dakota

**Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota** \$500,000

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Toward a capital campaign for residential treatment youth facilities

**Mental Health Association in North Dakota** \$50,000

Bismarck, North Dakota

Toward the cost of operating a statewide, 24-hour telephone crisis counseling 2-1-1 help line

**Minneapolis American Indian Center** \$500,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward a capital campaign

**Minnesota African Women's Association** \$30,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To strengthen and sustain programming

**Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center, Inc.** \$36,000

Sawyer, Minnesota

Toward an addition to a treatment center

**Neighborhood Involvement Program, Inc.** \$140,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward a capital campaign to remodel clinic and counseling space for a multi-service agency serving persons without medical coverage

**New Pathways, Inc.** \$35,000

Cambridge, Minnesota

To add staff to expand a transitional shelter program housed in 13 churches to a new geographic area

**OutFront Minnesota Community Services** \$200,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To hire a communications director for an organization that attempts to influence public opinion about and provides services for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people

**People Responding in Social Ministry** \$50,000

Golden Valley, Minnesota

For affordable auto repair services for low-income people

**Project Pathfinder, Inc.** \$45,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

For a case manager to coordinate cases so that therapists can focus on resolving the sexual behavior and victimization issues of youth served

**RS EDEN, Inc.** \$80,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Toward a capital campaign

**Twin Cities RISE!** \$140,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To hire an additional recruiter and internship coordinator for an intensive skill-development program for men with criminal convictions

**Women at the Courthouse, Inc.** \$60,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To support the planning and implementation of technical assistance for court monitoring programs

**OTHER**

**African Development Center** \$150,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To hire two business development consultants as full-time staff

**Community Design Center of Minnesota** \$140,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

To expand a youth conservation corps and establish a peer leadership program

**Environmental Law & Policy Center of the Midwest** \$200,000  
Chicago, IL

To support clean energy development programs in the Dakotas and Minnesota

**Green Institute** \$100,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To expand sustainable development programs

**Headwaters Foundation for Justice** \$400,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward the environmental justice fund

**Minnesota Lakes Association** \$165,000  
Brainerd, Minnesota

To launch a lake stewardship program

**Nature Conservancy** \$200,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To sustain momentum at Glacial Ridge National Wildlife  
Refuge near Crookston, Minnesota

**Wind on the Wires**

\$100,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To hire a Senior Energy Associate to address wind power  
transmission issues in the Bush region