

## **Bush Foundation Approves \$10 Million at March Board Meeting**

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### **BUSH FOUNDATION APPROVES GRANTS FOR ARTS, ECOLOGICAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS**

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (March 10, 2003)—The Bush Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants of more than \$10 million to 60 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and North and South Dakota at its March 4, 2003 Board meeting. The grants ranged in size and scope from \$13,900 to the Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition for a series of public forums on water quality, environmental health, and social justice to a \$700,000 three-year grant to the Guthrie Theater to develop new plays. This is the first round of grants for 2003

Some highlights of the Arts grants included \$56,000 to Theater Mu, an organization that specializes in contemporary Asian-American work, and \$40,000 to the Minnesota Dance Theater and School. Each Twin Cities based organization received grants intended to enrich artistic growth that will eventually help the organization build richer offerings to attract larger audiences.

Outside the Twin Cities Metro Area, arts organizations in Rochester, Minnesota; Bismarck and Grand Forks, North Dakota received grants as well.

Ecological Health is a new area for the Bush Foundation. Included were The Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development, which was awarded \$267,698 to build consensus for renewable energy policies and demonstration projects in the region. The Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota was awarded a three-year grant of \$120,000 to help farmers find alternatives to conventional farming techniques.

Of the Health and Human Services grants, highlights included \$75,000 to support the Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter, which provides emergency

shelter to American Indian youth. Bridging the Dental Gap, a dental clinic in Bismarck, North Dakota received \$385,271 to establish a dental clinic to serve people with no current access to dental care. The Organizing Apprenticeship Project was awarded \$115,000 to develop a program to train community organizers in diverse cultural communities.

Education related grants for faculty development included \$300,000 to Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, and \$359,957 to the Black Hills State University Foundation, Spearfish, South Dakota.

Youth and Family grants included \$240,000 to build a new girls' dormitory at Home on the Range, a residential treatment facility in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. Also approved was \$100,000 to expand the services of the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association to Greater Minnesota.

The Bush Foundation is a predominantly regional grantmaking foundation, with major programs in education, human services and health, the arts and humanities, ecological health, and the development of individual leadership and talent. The primary grant region is Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Established fifty years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Granville Bush, its mission is to improve the life in our region through strengthening organizational, community, and individual leadership. Across its grantmaking programs and in a variety of ways, the Foundation has a special interest in creating opportunities for people who lack them.

#### List of Individual Grants

##### **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

##### **Bismarck/Mandan Orchestral Association**

Bismarck, ND

To develop plans for fund raising and to support initial implementation of the plan \$14,786

##### **Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To create a development plan \$12,000

##### **Guthrie Theater Foundation**

Minneapolis, MN

To create the Guthrie New Play Program \$700,000

##### **Minnesota Children's Museum**

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign to build a new gallery and to renovate permanent galleries \$350,000

**Minnesota Dance Theatre and School**

Minneapolis, MN

To support the development and production of new and additional existing works of dance \$40,000

**North Dakota Museum of Art**

Grand Forks, ND

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$160,000

**Northern Clay Center**

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$300,000

**Rochester Art Center**

Rochester, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$98,000

**Science Museum of Minnesota**

St. Paul, MN

To implement a museum-wide program focused on public understanding of current science \$555,000

**Theater Mu, Incorporated**

Minneapolis, MN

To improve the artistic quality of the Theater's productions \$56,000

**Theatre de la Jeune Lune**

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$210,000

**EDUCATION**

**American Indian OIC, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

Toward a capital campaign to expand a health career training program and increase students served in other training programs \$180,000

**Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**

St. Paul, MN

Continuing support (Phase II) of Achievement Plus, a school reform effort to increase academic achievement in Saint Paul Public Schools \$500,000

**Black Hills State University Foundation**

Spearfish, SD

To improve student retention by improving teaching in core general education courses \$359,957

**Little Priest Tribal College**

Winnebago, NE

To improve student retention and success rates through the improvement of instruction with a focus on assessment \$90,000

**Saint Mary's University of Minnesota**

Winona, MN

To reform the general education curriculum, to improve faculty educational technology skills, and to develop a core of faculty to mentor junior faculty leaders \$300,000

**HEALTH**

**Bridging the Dental Gap, Inc.**

Bismarck, ND

To establish a community dental clinic \$385,271

**Community Healthcare Association, Inc.**

Sioux Falls, SD

To provide support for the South Dakota "Covering Kids and Families Initiative" \$200,000

**Mental Health Association of Minnesota**

Minneapolis, MN

To add a full-time client advocate position \$50,000

**Range Mental Health Center**

Virginia, MN

To provide early intervention mental health services, service coordination, and case management for displaced workers and families on Minnesota's Iron Range \$104,325

**Upper Midwest American Indian Center**

Minneapolis, MN

To hire a mental health director and consultant to increase American Indian mental health services capacity \$63,000

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**Accessible Space, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To create 18 units of accessible, affordable housing in Fargo for very low-income adults with mobility impairments, traumatic brain injuries, and severe physical disabilities \$100,000

**Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter**

St. Paul, MN

For Oyate Nawajin, a culturally-based mental health counseling and support program \$75,000

**American Indian Housing Corporation**

Minneapolis, MN

For technical assistance, training, and related organizational development costs \$100,000

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Coulee Region, Inc.**

LaCrosse, WI

To expand the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Winona, Minnesota \$30,000

**Boys Club of Detroit Lakes Incorporated Crovisier Park**

Detroit Lakes, MN

To expand a targeted academic support program for students academically at risk \$22,000

**Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc.**

Minot, ND

For capital to provide program space for battered women \$50,000

**Hmong American Partnership**

St. Paul, MN

To construct the Hmong American Center \$375,000

**Home on the Range**

Sentinel Butte, ND

Toward a capital campaign to build a new girls' dormitory and other program space \$240,000

**Hope Community, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

For planning and organizational development to guide long-term growth \$150,000

**Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts**

Minneapolis, MN

To hire an executive director \$120,000

**La Oportunidad, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To strengthen a volunteer/intern program \$30,000

**Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association**

Mendota Heights, MN

To expand services to youth intervention programs throughout Minnesota \$100,000

**Parenting With Purpose**

Brooklyn Park, MN

To hire a new, full-time staff \$30,000

**Prairie Learning Center, Inc.**

Raleigh, ND

For a capital campaign to renovate buildings \$100,000

**Project Regina, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

To support a combined social worker/program manager position \$54,625

**Synergy Residential Academy**

Minneapolis, MN

To expand program staff for a voluntary residential academic academy that maintains parental involvement in the lives of youth who are enrolled because of home or family crisis which affect their academic performance \$50,000

**Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.**

Crookston, MN

To develop a database of transit-dependent populations and form a five-county collaboration to increase transit options \$66,000

**United Cambodian Association of Minnesota, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To support an employment program and to complete a transition to a new leader and a new building \$120,000

**Washburn Child Guidance Center**

Minneapolis, MN

To develop and evaluate a treatment model for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties \$91,000

**Working Against Violence, Inc.**

Rapid City, SD

To construct a shelter building for battered women \$250,000

**Young Women's Christian Association of St. Paul Minnesota**

St. Paul, MN

For capital renovations for social space for programs to support at-risk children and teens \$218,500

**OTHER****Community Design Center of Minnesota**

St. Paul, MN

To establish a youth conservation corps on the Eastside of Saint Paul \$150,000

**Friends of the St. Paul Farmers' Market**

Shoreview, MN

To rebuild and expand the Saint Paul Farmers' Market \$338,000

**The Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

For a program to help position the Northern Plains as the continental leader in the energy economy of the future \$267,698

**Great Plains Windustry Project**

Minneapolis, MN

To expand a grassroots network of rural landowners to promote wind energy \$175,500

**Great River Greening**

St. Paul, MN

Toward an ecological analysis that sets priorities for restoration of land in the Twin Cities' river valleys \$40,000

**Greater Minnesota Housing Fund**

St. Paul, MN

To fund community and office space within supportive housing projects in greater Minnesota \$250,000

**Headwaters Fund**

Minneapolis, MN

To develop and implement an environmental justice fund for grassroots groups from low-income, rural, and communities of color in Minnesota \$200,000

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy**

Minneapolis, MN

To address ecological health by engaging in coalition building activities in Minnesota and the Dakotas \$202,500

**Minnesota Environmental Initiative, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

To start a voluntary ozone reduction program to improve air quality in the Twin Cities metropolitan region \$30,000

**Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy**

St. Paul, MN

To support additional staff and associated project development \$215,000

**Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition**

Minneapolis, MN

To conduct a series of public forums on water quality, environmental health, and social justice \$13,900

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

Washington, DC

To engage in outreach and relationship building with tribes in the Bush region \$50,000

**Neighborhood Development Center, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To support additional staff costs resulting from a program expansion \$100,000

**Organizing Apprenticeship Project**

St. Paul, MN

To develop a program that teaches organizing leadership skills among diverse cultural communities \$115,000

**Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation**

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign to redevelop blighted land into Landmark Plaza \$125,000

**The Supportive Housing and Managed Care Pilot**

Minneapolis, MN

For an evaluation of a pilot that tests the provision of supportive housing and services to address long-term homelessness \$400,000

**Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota**

Aldrich, MN

To hire an executive director \$120,000

**West Side Citizens Organization**

St. Paul, MN

To strengthen the Jane Addams School for Democracy \$230,000