

BUSH FOUNDATION GRANTS BENEFIT ARTS, HIGHER EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE YOUNG CHILDREN; ADOPTS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

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Saint Paul, Minnesota (March 22, 2007)— The Bush Foundation Board of Directors approved 61 grants for a total of more than \$15.7 million at its March meeting, including \$1 million each to **Saint John's University** in Collegeville, Minn., and the **College of Saint Benedict** in St. Joseph, Minn., for matching grants to build their endowments. Twin Cities' arts institutions receiving grants included the **Children's Theatre Company and School**, which received \$400,000 for a preschool education program, and the **Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Society**, which received a matching grant of \$750,000 as part of the Foundation's program to fund large cultural organizations.

The **State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services** was granted \$620,614 to continue the Bush Child Development Successor Program, and **Way to Grow** of Minneapolis received \$200,000 to build and develop a parent-centered early literacy program to help small children succeed when they get to school.

In other action, the Board voted to approve a new strategic plan that will emphasize leadership, learning and impact in its grantmaking. The new plan expands the ways in which the Bush Foundation will interact with grantees and communities, while more closely focusing its work on improving broad community conditions that support healthy people, economic vitality and the thriving cultural life of the region. The Board also took action to intensify the impact of its three fellowship programs by limiting eligibility to residents of its grantmaking region—Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Starting with the 2008 fellowship cycle that begins this fall, residents of Wisconsin will no longer be eligible for fellowships.

In the area of higher education, Board action determined that the Foundation will discontinue direct grantmaking to individual historically black private colleges and universities (HBCUs) and, instead, will support those institutions through grants to intermediary organizations (such as The College Fund/UNCF and the HBCU Faculty Development Network) whose work benefits all of the HBCUs. An additional move to intensify impact in the higher education area included a decision to limit direct grantmaking to those fully accredited tribal colleges located in the Foundation's grantmaking region of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and to discontinue making individual grants to other accredited tribal colleges. The Foundation will

continue to look for opportunities to support all the tribal colleges through programs and intermediaries with a national focus.

A breakdown of the grants by program area follows with a sampling of representative grants in each area. You can search the Foundation's grantmaking database at www.bushfoundation.org.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES – 10 GRANTS/\$2,949,439

In the Twin Cities, **Theatre de la Jeune Lune** received \$50,000 for operating support as part of the Regional Arts Development Program I, while smaller arts organizations also received support. **Cantus** was granted \$35,000 for an expanded operating manager position, **Ten Thousand Things** got \$146,000 for a staff expansion and **Zorongo Flamenco, Inc.** received a \$50,752 grant to create a resident performing ensemble.

The **Rapid City Fine Arts Council, Inc.** received a capital grant of \$850,000 to expand the Dahl Fine Arts Center. Also in South Dakota, the **Days of '76 Museum, Inc.**, a cultural heritage institution in Deadwood that focuses on the history of the western United States, received \$242,687 for facility improvements, curatorial consultants, and to plan for a capital expansion. **Preservation North Dakota** of Buffalo, N.D., was granted \$75,000 to increase development capacity.

EDUCATION—6 GRANTS/\$4,367,259

The **University of Minnesota** received \$996,645 to support a writing-enriched curriculum project. A matching capital grant of \$550,000 was awarded to **Dunwoody College of Technology** in Minneapolis.

HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH—29 GRANTS/\$5,281,470

The Foundation funded capital projects in the Twin Cities for **St. Paul Youth Services, Inc.** (\$150,000), **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota** (\$650,000), **Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter** (\$50,000) and **Youth Express** (\$80,000). **Community Dental Care, Inc.** of St. Paul received a grant of \$100,000 for oral health projects serving pregnant women and small children. The **Metropolitan Economic Development Association** of Minneapolis was granted \$225,000 to develop a minority entrepreneurial leadership program. In housing, the **Minnesota Community Action Association Resources Fund** of St. Paul received \$200,000 to assess and develop long-range plans to end homelessness in six regions of rural Minnesota.

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Rapid City was granted \$210,213 for work on a youth prevention and recreation program for youth on reservations and in western South Dakota.

Charles Hall Youth Services of Bismarck was granted \$182,339 to pilot programs that work on an asset-based model of youth development. Also in Bismarck, the **Abused Adult Resource Center** received \$244,383 to aid women and children escaping domestic violence and sexual assault. **Valley Community Health Centers** of Northwood, N.D., received \$240,000 for start-up costs for the Northern Valley Dental Health Coalition Clinic to be opened in Grand Forks. The **Prairie Learning Center, Inc.** of Raleigh, N.D., was granted \$100,100 for its capital campaign.

The **Native American Community Board** in Lake Andes, S.D., was granted \$70,000 for additional staff for its battered women's shelter on the Yankton Sioux Reservation and for an innovative plan to use streaming audio technology to educate young women on strategies to prevent violence.

The **Welcome Center, Inc.** in Austin, Minn., was granted \$60,000 to hire new staff for entrepreneurship training for immigrants.

ECOLOGICAL HEALTH—8 GRANTS/\$1,550,000

The **Environmental Law & Policy Center of the Midwest**, based in Chicago, was granted \$550,000 to develop clean, renewable energy and to advocate for ecological health in North and South Dakota. The Center's Great Plains Initiative will locate staff with public policy and agricultural economics expertise in the Dakotas to assist in accelerating the pace of renewable energy development. The **Great Plains Restoration Council** of Fort Worth, Tx., received \$130,000 to expand an ecological health community organizing and prairie restoration program for youth on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

In Minneapolis, **Common Assets Defense Fund** was granted \$50,000 toward its project, "Amplifying the Commons through Art." The grant will support a three-episode performance "adventure" produced by the Tomales Bay Institute and the Twin Cities' In the Heart of the Beast Theatre to generate awareness and action around water quality, consumption, conservation and ownership. The first performance will be in March 2007.

Friends of the Minnesota Valley, headquartered in Bloomington, was granted \$175,000 for a phosphorus reduction project in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed. In Brainerd, Minn., **Minnesota Waters** received \$250,000 for a watershed stewardship program that spans water quality improvement issues and activities for both rivers and lakes.

OTHER GRANTS—7 GRANTS/\$1,487,578

Dickinson State University in Dickinson, N.D., was granted \$500,000 for the coalition it created in its region to strengthen community leadership, mobilize financial resources, engage and attract youth, and energize entrepreneurship of six communities and the Fort Berthold Reservation. The **South Dakota Community Foundation**, located in Pierre, received \$150,000 for a community savings account program coordinator.

In Minneapolis, the **Institute for Local Self Reliance, Inc.** was awarded \$380,000 for its New Rules program to help small communities retain local control and ownership of services such as telecommunications, energy and retail. **Local Initiatives Support Corporation** of New York, N.Y., received **\$125,000** in continued funding to work on outcomes measurement and capacity building for Twin Cities' community development corporations engaged in community building, housing assistance and development, community organizing, and corridor development. The **Business, Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.** of Windom, Minn., was granted \$42,578 to hire a part-time events coordinator to increase arts programming in the community.

The Bush Foundation is a private grantmaking organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life in our region by strengthening organizational, community and individual leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports arts and culture, health and human services, education, ecological health, and individual fellowships in arts, medicine and leadership in a region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.