

## **BUSH FOUNDATION MAKES GRANTS TO TWIN CITIES ARTS GROUPS, NATIVE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERESTS**

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**Saint Paul, Minnesota (March 24, 2006)**—The **MacPhail Center for Music**, one of the country's premiere community music schools, received a grant of \$750,000 from the Bush Foundation Board of Directors at its meeting on March 7. The grant will contribute to the construction of a \$24.9 million "flagship" facility to be built in the new Minneapolis riverfront arts corridor. The grant was made based on the national reputation of the school, its breadth of programming and its ability to serve economically and ethnically diverse students. The **Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts** received a grant of \$750,000 toward a capital campaign to construct a new wing, renovate existing facilities and acquire additional art for the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Other significant grants were focused on Native American organizations and rural sustainability, including \$345,000 for the **Indian Land Tenure Foundation** of Little Canada, Minn., and \$400,000 to the Meadowlark Project, a leadership laboratory conducted by **Northern Great Plains, Inc.** of Fargo to improve economic conditions in the Dakotas. Grants of \$210,000 to Saint Paul-based **Resources for Child Caring, Inc.** and \$282,586 to **South Dakota State University** in Brookings, S.D., support work in infant/toddler care and development. A \$191,915 grant went to the Minneapolis-based **Alliance of Early Childhood Professionals** to begin an early childhood language immersion program for urban Native American children.

A total of \$13,436,101 was granted to 67 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, North and South Dakota at the March meeting. For a complete listing of grants, visit the Foundation's website at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org). Highlights for each program area are listed below.

### **Arts and Humanities**

In the Twin Cities, three arts groups participating in the Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program, which provides operating support for mid-size organizations, received grants: \$177,214 to the **Minnesota Center for Book Arts**, \$50,000 to the **Illusion Theater and School, Inc.** and \$100,000 to **Theatre de la Jeune Lune**. Other Twin Cities groups receiving grants included \$15,000 to **North Star Opera, Inc.**, \$12,500 to **Ten Thousand Things** and \$40,000 to **Springboard for the Arts**.

Outside the Twin Cities, the **North House Folk School** in Grand Marais, Minn., received a grant of \$120,000.

In South Dakota, the **Museum Alliance of Rapid City, Inc.** was granted \$365,849. The **Jamestown Fine Arts Association, Incorporated** of Jamestown, N.D., received \$29,425 and the **Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company** received \$25,000.

### **Education**

Grants to benefit early childhood education included \$60,000 to **Minnesota Head Start Association, Inc.** of Duluth, Minn., and \$25,000 to **Child Trends, Incorporated** of Washington, D.C., for evaluation of infant/toddler daycare centers.

In higher education, a number of fully accredited tribal colleges received grants for faculty development, including \$150,000 to **Oglala Lakota College** in Kyle, S.D. In North Dakota, \$90,000 went to **Cankdeska Cikana Community College** (Fort Totten) and \$150,000 to **United Tribes Technical College** (Bismarck). Grants were made to other tribal colleges in Montana and Washington State, as well as to **Tougaloo College** in Tougaloo, Miss., an historically black college that received \$150,000 for faculty development.

**The University of Minnesota** received a grant of \$600,000 to complete the development of an undergraduate minor in ecosystem science and sustainability. **The Bakken** in Minneapolis received \$221,130 to expand school partnerships as part of the Foundation's efforts to increase opportunities for girls and minorities in math and science.

In South Dakota, **high schools in Rapid City and Saint Francis on the Rosebud Indian Reservation** received grants of \$859,200 and \$95,000, respectively to continue programs to increase graduation rates.

### **Ecological Health**

**Hopa Mountain, Inc.** of Bozeman, Mont., will develop informal science programs and ecological health field programs for tribal communities in Pine Ridge, S.D., with a grant of \$350,000. Two food-related programs received grants: \$90,000 to the **Minnesota Food Association** of Marine-on-St. Croix, Minn., and \$100,000 to **Health Care Without Harm** of Arlington, Va., to support the Healthy Food in Health Care project in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

A grant of \$150,000 was made to the **Women's Environmental Institute at Amador Hill** in North Branch, Minn., to support environmental justice in communities of color and serve environmental justice scholars. A grant of \$150,000 was made to the **Dakota Resource Council** (Dickinson, N.D.) for the Responsible Energy Program.

## **Health and Human Services**

A variety of Twin Cities-based organizations received grants, including a \$97,405 capital grant for a medical clinic for the **Cedar-Riverside People's Center**, \$60,000 to the **Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers** for training and \$80,000 to the **Leadership Empowerment and Development Group** for the African immigrant community. **NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc.** was granted \$110,000 to establish the NorthPoint Innovation Center to serve as the hub for community wellness efforts in North Minneapolis. The **Family Housing Fund of Minneapolis and St. Paul** was granted \$1.2 million to continue the development of a system of supportive housing for children and families.

In Greater Minnesota, **Migrant Health Service, Inc.** of Moorhead received \$526,000 to establish a paperless charting system to link 17 clinics serving migrant workers and three Duluth nonprofits received grants: \$149,500 to **Project SOAR of Northeastern Minnesota** for a prisoner re-entry program, \$150,000 to decrease chronic homelessness to **Churches United in Ministry** and \$275,000 to the **Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, Inc.**

In North Dakota, \$1,162,131 was granted to the **Village Family Service Center** in Fargo to implement Family Group Decision Making and \$102,000 to the **Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Inc.** In South Dakota, Sioux Falls-based **Volunteers of America, Dakotas** was granted \$198,846.

**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 supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education and ecological health in a region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Its individual fellowship programs in the arts, medicine and leadership 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.