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**NEARLY \$8 MILLION IN PAYMENTS SUPPORT  
BUSH FOUNDATION GRANTEES FROM JANUARY – APRIL 2009**

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**St. Paul, Minn. (June 8, 2009)**—In a period that is financially challenging, the Bush Foundation is maintaining its support to communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by disbursing grant payments at expected levels and on expected timelines.

Payments between January and April of 2009 totaled \$7,952,732 and went to support **legacy and transition** grantee organizations with which the Foundation has had long-standing and deep relationships, as well as grants that are part of its **Goals for a Decade**, launched in January 2009.

**Legacy and Transition (\$6.8 million)**

Payments for legacy and transition projects between January and April 2009 included an initial \$500,000 payment to both the South Dakota Community Foundation (Pierre) and the Impact Foundation (Fargo, ND). Each organization will use a \$2 million grant to improve the capacity of a number of nonprofits in their respective states.

“Communities rely on nonprofit organizations for vital services,” said Peter C. Hutchinson, president of the Bush Foundation. “It is a great investment for the Bush Foundation to form partnerships with the South Dakota Community and Impact Foundations. Through these two organizations, nonprofits in the Dakotas will receive the training and support that will allow them to be even stronger leaders as they identify problems and work with communities to solve them.”

Other legacy and transition payments included the **Abused Adult Resource Center** (Bismarck, ND) to add staff and provide more services to women and children escaping domestic violence and sexual assault; **The Center for Alternative Lifestyles** (Sioux Falls, SD) to establish a community drop-in center; **Clean Up the River Environment** (Montevideo, MN) for communication strategies and tools that will increase the constituency for public policies that conserve the environment from 75,000 to 200,000; **Cornucopia Art Center** (Lanesboro, MN) toward expenses for a curator and public relations coordinator and the **Washburn Center for Children** (Minneapolis, MN) to sustain a program to help children living in high-risk circumstances repair developmental deficits.

### **Goals for a Decade (\$1.1 million)**

Payment began in January for the first efforts under the leadership/community engagement portion of the Foundation's *Goals for a Decade*, including \$425,832 to the **Charles K. Blandin Foundation** (Grand Rapids, MN).

The Blandin Foundation will use the funds to extend the work of its Community Leadership Program, which helps rural leaders develop and enhance the skills, knowledge and relationships they need to build and sustain healthy communities. The grant will enable Blandin to offer its program in 2009 to four additional communities (training approximately 25 individual leaders in each community).

"The Bush Foundation has been developing individual leaders through its three fellowship programs since 1965," said Pamela Wheelock, vice president and leadership/community engagement team leader. "We're excited to add to our leadership development toolbox the Blandin approach of training several leaders from a single community together."

In addition to the leadership/community engagement focus, *Goals for a Decade* includes work to support Native nations in self-determination efforts and to increase educational achievement. With the arrival of Jaime Pinkham and Susan Heegaard as leaders for these respective teams in March 2009, the work is just beginning, although the Foundation anticipates making payments in both goal areas later in 2009.

### **Giving Summary**

Total grant payments for 2009 are anticipated to be \$30 million, of which \$16 million will support legacy and transition projects; the remainder will go toward partnerships formed under *Goals for a Decade*.

Of the \$8 million distributed between January and April, nearly \$2.9 million was targeted specifically to benefit people and communities in Greater Minnesota (\$676,023), North Dakota (\$1,466,782) and South Dakota (\$757,000).

A list of the grant payments made between January and April 2009 begins on page four. Complete information about these payments is available at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org). (Beneath the Search window click on Advanced Search Grants, then click on the PDF to see the list of payments.)

*The **Bush Foundation** was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth. The Foundation strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by investing in courageous and effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in these three states.*

*In 2009, the Foundation is focusing on Goals for a Decade—in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to develop courageous leaders and engage entire communities in solving problems, to support the self-determination of Native nations and to increase educational achievement. (To learn more about the Foundation's legacy or about Goals for a Decade, visit [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org).)*

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## Bush Foundation Payments Made January – April 2009

(For additional information about these grants, visit [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org))

### GOALS FOR A DECADE

#### Leadership/Community Engagement (8 payments totaling \$1,172,705)

**Charles K. Blandin Foundation**  
Grand Rapids, MN - \$425,832

**Minnesota Center for Book Arts**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$90,000

**Children's Theatre Company and School**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$171,873

**Northern Clay Center**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**First Peoples Fund**  
Rapid City, SD - \$62,000

**Minneapolis Foundation**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$200,000

**Heart of the Beast Theatre, Incorporated**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$93,000

**University of Minnesota**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$30,000

### LEGACY & TRANSITION

#### Arts and Humanities (7 payments totaling \$271,240)

**Cornucopia Art Center**  
Lanesboro, MN - \$15,000

**Minnesota Chorale**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$5,000

**Great River Shakespeare Festival**  
Winona, MN - \$46,000

**Southern Theater Foundation**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$25,000

**MacPhail Center for Music**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Zorongo Flamenco, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$8,240

**Migizi Communications, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$72,000

#### Ecological Health (19 payments totaling \$1,928,900)

**American Farmland Trust**  
Washington, DC - \$135,000

**Environmental Law & Policy Center of the Midwest**  
Chicago, IL - \$100,000

**Clean Up the River Environment**  
Montevideo, MN - \$50,000

**Fresh Energy**  
St. Paul, MN - \$320,000

**Conservation Minnesota**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$60,000

**Friends of the Minnesota Valley**  
Bloomington, MN - \$50,000

**Dakota Resource Council**  
Dickinson, ND - \$37,900

**Friends of the Mississippi River**  
St. Paul, MN - \$135,000

**Dakota Rural Action, Inc.**  
Brookings, SD - \$50,000

**Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Great Plains Restoration Council**  
Fort Worth, TX - \$65,000

**Great Plains Windustry Project**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Greater Minnesota Housing Fund**  
St. Paul, MN - \$200,000

**Institute for Conservation Leadership**  
Takoma Park, MD - \$95,000

**Education (7 payments totaling \$553,000)**

**Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning**  
St. Paul, MN - \$100,000

**Early Childhood Resource Center**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$95,000

**Hyde School**  
Bath, ME - \$5,000

**Reuben Lindh Family Services**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Human Services and Health (30 payments totaling \$2,557,864)**

**Abused Adult Resource Center**  
Bismarck, ND - \$82,667

**Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter**  
St. Paul, MN - \$90,000

**Asian Media Access, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$20,000

**Bolder Options**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Bridging, Incorporated**  
Bloomington, MN - \$25,000

**The Center for Alternative Lifestyles**  
Sioux Falls, SD - \$27,000

**Centro Cultural Chicano**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$60,000

**Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.**  
Gaithersburg, MD - \$100,000

**Land Stewardship Project**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Minnesota Environmental Initiative, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Minnesota Waters**  
St. Cloud, MN - \$56,000

**Sierra Club Foundation**  
San Francisco, CA - \$75,000

**South Dakota Voices for Children**  
Sioux Falls, SD - \$53,000

**Washburn Center for Children**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Way to Grow**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Charles Hall Youth Services**  
Bismarck, ND - \$100,000

**Children's Defense Fund**  
St. Paul, MN - \$273,059

**Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$90,000

**Family and Children's Service**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$100,000

**Farm Rescue**  
Jamestown, ND - \$37,500

**JOBS NOW Coalition**  
St. Paul, MN - \$40,000

**Lakes Crisis & Resource Center**  
Detroit Lakes, MN - \$30,000

**Merrick Community Services**  
St. Paul, MN - \$50,000

**Metropolitan Economic Development Association**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$50,000

**Minnesota International Health Volunteers**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$62,846

**State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services**  
St. Paul, MN - \$460,000

**Neighborhood Development Center, Inc.**  
St. Paul, MN - \$5,000

**The Network for Better Futures**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$50,000

**Prairie Learning Center Foundation**  
Raleigh, ND - \$100,000

**Other (6 payments totaling \$274,023)**

**Business, Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.**  
Windom, MN - \$30,023

**Center for Rural Policy and Development**  
Saint Peter, MN - \$75,000

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation**  
New York, NY - \$75,000

**Philanthropy, Voluntarism & Grantmaking Foundations (6 payments totaling \$1,195,000)**

**Achievements Unlimited Foundation (aka Impact Foundation)**  
Fargo, ND - \$500,000

**Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation**  
Duluth, MN - \$100,000 & \$50,000

**Red River Valley Community Action**  
Grand Forks, ND - \$15,000

**Rivers of Hope**  
Monticello, MN - \$45,000

**Simpson Housing Services, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$86,603

**Twin Cities RISE!**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$75,000

**Village Family Service Center**  
Fargo, ND - \$220,656

**Walk-In Counseling Center, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$87,000

**White Earth Land Recovery Project**  
Callaway, MN - \$100,000

**YouthCARE**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$20,000

**Youth Farm and Market Project**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$55,533

**Minneapolis Foundation**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$5,000

**Peta Wakan Tipi**  
St. Paul, MN - \$54,000

**West Bank CDC, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$35,000

**Philanthrofund Foundation**  
Minneapolis, MN - \$30,000

**The Saint Paul Foundation**  
St. Paul, MN - \$15,000

**South Dakota Community Foundation**  
Pierre, SD - \$500,000