

Bush Foundation Approves Over \$10 Million at July Board Meeting

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BUSH FOUNDATION APPROVES GRANTS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, ARTS, EDUCATION, ECOLOGICAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING

St. Paul, Minnesota (July 14, 2003)—The Bush Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants of more than \$10 million to its three Fellowship programs and 49 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and North and South Dakota at its July 14 meeting. The grants varied widely in size and scope, from \$15,000 to the Relief Association of South Sudan in Minnesota for services for immigrants and refugees to a \$1 million contingent challenge grant to Minnesota Public Radio for their capital campaign.

One highlight of the health and human services category is a grant to Children's Dental Services, which has been providing dental services to low-income people in the Twin Cities since 1919. They received \$70,000 to expand their services to the Twin Cities' Somali population. Many in this growing group of immigrants have serious dental problems and there is a shortage of dentists who will accept low income patients. The organization will hire a Somali dental assistant and an outreach worker who will help them educate Somali families about preventing dental disease and promoting good oral hygiene. Other grants in this category include \$90,000 to Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio of St. Paul to hire a coordinator to work with the local managed care administrators to secure reimbursement for insured patients and increase its ability to serve the Latino population's needs in the areas of chemical dependency and mental health treatment and \$80,000 to the Center for Victims of Torture in Minneapolis, for staff and consultant costs associated with creating a statewide capacity to heal survivors of torture.

Some highlights of the arts category include grants made to a group of organizations dedicated to the visual arts. Walker Art Center in Minneapolis

received a grant of \$725,000 to support artistic and educational programming which will help it attract a more diverse audience and more community participation in its programs. A \$35,000 grant to the Textile Center of Minnesota to expand its retail shop and a \$18,200 planning grant to Juxtaposition Arts, Inc., an organization that provides studio arts programs for underserved youth, to renovate a building and reestablish a home of its own in North Minneapolis were also approved. The Duluth Art Institute was granted \$50,000 in general operating support through the Bush Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program. Other arts-related grants included \$65,000 to the Minnesota Children's Museum, \$19,000 to the Friends of the Minnesota Sinfonia and \$175,000 to the Children's Theatre Company and School for operating support to increase programming for teens and young adults.

Grants to educational endeavors and institutions included \$1.1 million in continued funding for the Infant/Toddler caregiver training programs established in the three-state region. The programs, run by early childhood development organizations in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, focus on training child care providers and parents to provide high-quality care for children ages birth to age three. Other educational grants include \$750,000 as a matching challenge grant to the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth for its capital campaign, \$449,490 to the Rapid City Area Schools to increase high school graduation rates, and \$20,000 to La Escuelita in Minneapolis, an organization that works with Latino students and their families to improve their experience and success in the Twin Cities schools.

Ecological Health grants included \$125,000 to the White Earth Land Recovery Project which involves sustainable agriculture and community building on the White Earth Reservation. The Blue Earth River Basin Initiative in Fairmont received \$141,000 to implement a 3rd crop strategy in the Blue Earth River Basin. The Friends of the Mississippi River received \$155,000 to support initiatives to protect and improve the Mississippi River and its tributaries in the Twin Cities metro area.

The Bush Foundation's Artist, Leadership and Medical Fellows Programs were approved for 2004, which enable individuals to receive financial support for educational, medical or artistic endeavors that will increase their contributions to their communities. The Board also approved a new category in the Artist Fellows Program— Traditional and Folk Arts—which will welcome artists who work in traditional music, dance, visual arts and crafts and storytelling that is learned as part of the cultural life of their community.

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 funds organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education, and ecological health in the region that includes Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Its individual fellowship programs in the arts, leadership and medicine are open to candidates from Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Western Wisconsin. The Bush Foundation also supports fully accredited tribal colleges and private historically black colleges and universities throughout the country.

List of Individual Grants

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

American Composers Forum

St. Paul, MN

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

Artspace Projects, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$275,000

Children's Theatre Company and School

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$175,000

Duluth Art Institute Association

Duluth, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$50,000

Friends of the Minnesota Sinfonia

Minneapolis, MN

For a consultant to provide Board fundraising and development capacity \$19,000

Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$60,000

Juxtaposition, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a facilities and operating plan for a youth-focused visual arts center \$18,200

Minnesota Children's Museum

St. Paul, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$65,000

Textile Center of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a business plan and hire a part-time manager for the Textile Center Shop \$35,000

Walker Art Center

Minneapolis, MN

To support artistic and educational programming and to diversify audience participation through a "more than a museum" initiative \$725,000

EDUCATION**Augsburg College**

Minneapolis, MN

To develop faculty/staff learning communities for implementing and assessing a new core curriculum \$79,000

Clark Atlanta University, Inc.

Atlanta, GA

To renew a faculty development program which emphasizes the scholarship of teaching and learning \$150,000

College of Saint Scholastica, Inc

Duluth, MN

For a comprehensive capital campaign to increase endowment and enhance campus facilities \$750,000

Jamestown College, Inc

Jamestown, ND

To plan a program to improve teaching effectiveness in order to improve student learning \$20,000

La Escuelita

Minneapolis, MN

To increase Latino families' involvement in the school success of their children \$20,000

Metropolitan State University Foundation

St. Paul, MN

For community outreach programs of Metropolitan State University library and Dayton's Bluff, a newly constructed combined public library \$251,010

Minnesota Child Care Resource and Referral Network

St. Paul, MN

To continue the Child Development Program for Infants and Toddlers \$425,000

State of North Dakota, Department of Human Services

Bismarck, ND

To support the Bush Child Development Successor Program in North Dakota \$497,945

Philander Smith College

Little Rock, AR

To develop a computer and assessment program for college faculty to improve student learning \$50,000

Rapid City Area Schools

Rapid City, SD

For a program to reduce student dropout rates, increase graduation rates, and increase attendance at Central High School \$449,490

State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services

Pierre, SD

To continue implementation of the Bush Child Development Program for Infants and Toddlers \$220,391

University of Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, SD

For a faculty development program that emphasizes critical thinking \$150,000

Valley City State University

Valley City, ND

To implement an assessment of student learning plan and to strengthen faculty instructional skills and subject matter competencies \$150,000

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Bush Artist Fellows Program

\$660,000

St. Paul, MN

2004 Program

Bush Leadership Fellows Program

\$1,407,750

St. Paul, MN

2004 Program

Bush Medical Fellows Program

\$732,500

New Prague, MN

2004 Program

HEALTH

Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio, Inc

St. Paul, MN

To increase insured Latinos' access to linguistically appropriate and culturally competent mental and chemical health services \$90,000

Children's Dental Services, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To expand services for Somali patients \$70,000

Minnkota Health Project

Moorhead, MN

To establish educational and social programming for youth who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender \$25,000

HUMAN SERVICES

AccessAbility, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To support a document processing job training program for individuals with disabilities, immigrants/refugees, and welfare to work participants \$35,000

Boys Club of Rapid City, Inc.

Rapid City, SD

To broaden the donor base \$25,000

Center for Victims of Torture

Minneapolis, MN

For staff and consultant expenses associated with creating a statewide capacity to heal survivors of torture in Minnesota communities \$80,000

Dispute Resolution Center

St. Paul, MN

To integrate mediation and restorative justice services \$50,000

Enterprise North, Inc.

New Ulm, MN

To develop a thrift store and warehouse space \$40,000

Hmong American Mutual Assistance Association, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To continue the Academic Barriers Challengers Afterschool Program \$20,000

JOBS NOW Coalition

St. Paul, MN

For public policy research and analysis \$59,000

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

Fargo, ND

To implement a three-year development project to secure permanent funding for the Healthy Families Region IV Program \$170,000

New Foundations, Inc.

St. Paul, MN

To expand services for homeless women in recovery and their children by adding support staff \$180,000

Oromo Community, Inc. Minneapolis/St. Paul

Minneapolis, MN

To hire an Elders Outreach Liaison \$55,688

Project for Pride in Living, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

Toward a capital campaign \$350,000

Relief Association of South Sudan in Minnesota, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To implement direct service programs for Sudanese immigrants and refugees \$15,000

Rum River Interfaith Caregivers, Inc.

Princeton, MN

To hire a store manager for the start-up and operations of a thrift store \$30,000

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Sioux Falls, SD

Toward costs associated with a statewide rural battered women outreach project in South Dakota \$36,000

Stevens Square Community Organization, Inc

Minneapolis, MN

To expand the service area of the Central City Neighborhoods Partnership restorative justice program \$50,000

OTHER

Blue Earth River Basin Initiative

Fairmont, MN

To implement a 3rd Crop strategy in the Blue Earth River Basin \$141,000

Dakota Rural Action, Inc.

Brookings, SD

To expand the Family Agriculture Really Matters educational campaign on water quality \$90,000

Environmental Association for Great Lakes Education

Duluth, MN

To create a state-wide network aimed at educating the public, promoting safer practices, and initiating new policies regarding children's environmental health \$42,400

Friends of the Mississippi River

St. Paul, MN

To support an initiative to protect and improve the Mississippi River and tributaries in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area \$155,000

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

St. Paul, MN

To hire a staff for a public health program \$144,251

Minnesota Public Radio

St. Paul, MN

For a challenge grant to complete the first phase of a capital campaign to construct a new headquarters and production center in St. Paul \$1,000,000

Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.

St. Paul, MN

For programming development and to plan for marketing and evaluation of the Minnesota Collaborative and Channel \$80,000

White Earth Land Recovery Project

Ponsford, MN

To support the Sustainable Community Capacity Building Program \$125,000