

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, EDUCATION ARE FOCUS OF BUSH FOUNDATION GRANTS

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Saint Paul, Minn. (August 2, 2006)—The **Minnesota Historical Society** will increase public access to its cultural heritage resources with a \$999,709 grant from the Bush Foundation to expand and upgrade its technology infrastructure. At its meeting on July 13, the Bush Foundation Board of Directors also approved a \$995,000 grant to **Achieve!Minneapolis** to continue a pilot program using one-on-one attendance monitors to improve graduation rates and expand it to all seven Minneapolis high schools. The **Northland Foundation** in Duluth received \$1.5 million to implement an early childhood mental health initiative in Greater Minnesota, and the **Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning** in Saint Paul was granted \$530,000 to support its efforts to improve faculty teaching skills in colleges and universities.

Other significant grants were focused on service organizations for immigrants and youth. The **Bridge for Runaway Youth, Inc.** (Minneapolis) was granted \$500,000 toward a capital campaign to build a new center for youth across the street from its current site. **Goodwill Industries, Inc.** of Saint Paul received \$75,000 to work with entrepreneurs at the new Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis. **New Americans Community Services** in Saint Paul was granted \$200,000 to provide culturally sensitive primary health care and education to recent immigrants from Africa.

Concordia College, Moorhead (Minnesota) received \$300,000 to improve faculty teaching skills and **Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.** received \$270,000 to establish a business center for child care providers.

In the Dakotas, the **State of North Dakota, Department of Human Services** received a grant of \$442,436 to support the Child Development Successor Program, an effort to standardize training for workers who care for infants and toddlers. The **Mental Health Association in North Dakota** (Bismarck) also received \$50,000 for a statewide telephone crisis counseling line.

The **University of South Dakota** in Vermillion will use a grant of \$450,000 to improve teaching and learning. In Spearfish, S.D., the **Northern Hills Area CASA Program** was granted \$90,000 for volunteer recruitment and training. A grant of \$100,000 was made to the **Lakota Fund** in Kyle, S.D., for a new, full-time success coach for entrepreneurs on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

In all, the Foundation made 45 grants totaling more than \$12.4 million at the July meeting. For a complete listing of grants, visit the Foundation's website at www.bushfoundation.org. Highlights by program area are shown below.

Arts and Humanities

Four Greater Minnesota arts organizations received Bush Foundation grants in July: \$86,000 to the **Jazz Arts Group of Fargo-Moorhead**, \$174,926 for marketing and development to the **Reif Arts Council** of Grand Rapids and \$40,000 to the **Commonweal Theatre Company** of Lanesboro. In addition, the **Rochester Arts Center** was granted \$60,000 through the Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program I (RADP I).

In Minneapolis, **VocalEssence** received \$100,000 in its entry year of the revised Regional Arts Development Program II; the **Loft, Inc.** and **Milkweed Editions, Inc.** also received grants of \$150,000 and \$130,000, respectively, through RADP I.

Ecological Health

The **Minnesota Land Trust**, Saint Paul, received \$255,000 for a conservation development program.

Health and Human Services

A variety of Twin-Cities based organizations received grants, including \$150,000 toward a capital campaign to the **Centre for Asians and Pacific Islanders** and capital grants for building development to the **East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.** (\$200,000) and **The Salvation Army Northern Division** (\$90,000) in Roseville, Minn., to expand its facilities for homeless young adults.

The **Fairview Foundation** of Minneapolis received a \$236,431 grant to support the Interpreter Stakeholder Group, the University of Minnesota and Century College in their efforts to extend the training of medical interpreters outside of the Twin Cities. The **Union Gospel Mission Association of Saint Paul** was granted \$50,000 to expand its dental clinic, and **West Side Community Health Services, Inc.** received a grant of \$200,000 for the development of a transitional business plan. The **Neighborhood Involvement Program, Inc.** will use an \$80,000 grant to hire a psychologist in North Minneapolis.

The **Young Women's Christian Association of Duluth** was granted \$42,970 for program evaluation and planning and **Winona Volunteer Services, Inc.** will use a \$75,000 grant to establish an emergency assistance program.

Community Homes and Resources in Service to Many in Fargo, N.D., received \$50,000 for a planning process to resettle refugee youth.

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.