

## **BUSH FOUNDATION GRANTS SUPPORT EDUCATION NEEDS OF NEW ARRIVALS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

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**Saint Paul, Minn. (July 29, 2005)**—The Bush Foundation awarded 56 grants totaling \$12,138,894 at its July meeting. Early childhood development programs in Minnesota and the Dakotas, programs to help high school students in the Saint Paul Schools reach graduation and the State of Minnesota's English as a Second Language (ESL) program were among the groups receiving grants from the Bush Foundation's Board of Directors.

A \$400,000 grant to the Minnesota Department of Education's ESL program will allow expansion of services and reduce long waiting lists to accommodate more quickly the needs of new arrivals, including Hmong from the Wat Tham Krabok refugee camp in Thailand. North Dakota's Department of Human Services will use \$585,008 to increase the number of trained infant/toddler caregivers and develop new training options, both for licensed day-care and home settings. The South Dakota Coalition for Children and the Minnesota Department of Human Services also received grants of \$180,000 and \$200,000, respectively, to continue their advocacy efforts in the field of early childhood development training. Saint Paul School District #625 received a grant of \$1,190,220 over three years to continue its "Connected Counseling" approach to increase high school graduation rates.

A breakdown by program area follows with a sampling of representative grants in each area.

#### **Education/Child Development – 8 Grants/\$3,062,953**

The Foundation granted \$100,000 to Reuben Lindh Family Services to continue its developmental program for Hmong preschoolers and \$100,000 over two years to A Chance to Grow in Minneapolis to adapt a skill-building program previously used with older children for preschoolers. In higher education, the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning in Saint Paul was granted \$258,000 for its faculty development work. The University of Saint Thomas will use a \$449,725 grant to continue faculty development work in inquiry-based learning, where exploration is the primary activity in learning.

#### **Human Services and Health – 20 Grants/\$2,348,353**

Programs for battered women, legal advocacy for women, people with chemical dependency and mental health issues, housing and youth were funded in this grant round.

The Corporation for Supportive Housing received a grant for \$200,000 to provide assistance and training to supportive housing advocates in Greater Minnesota. African American Family Services, Inc. in Minneapolis was granted \$180,000 to launch a culturally specific adolescent division of mental and chemical health services. Rebuild Resources in Saint Paul will use a grant of \$69,570 to improve the profitability of its manufacturing businesses that employ people recovering from chemical dependency.

**Ecological Health – 11 Grants/\$1,656,918**

The Midtown Greenway Coalition in Minneapolis received \$70,000 to expand green spaces along the Midtown Greenway, the more than five-mile-long bicycle/pedestrian path through urban Minneapolis. The Minnesota Environmental Partnership will use a \$275,000 grant to strengthen the efforts of a statewide environmental coalition to improve water quality. A grant of \$120,000 was made to the Friends of the Mississippi River to implement a watershed initiative pilot project and \$254,000 was granted to the Great Plains Windustry Project to help landowners and communities in Minnesota and the Dakotas develop more community projects using wind energy.

**Arts – 9 Grants/\$1,363,120**

The Minnesota Orchestral Association will use its three-year, \$685,000 grant to increase educational initiatives for children in Twin Cities-area schools and programs for communities in Greater Minnesota. The American Composers Forum (\$125,000), Artspace Projects, Inc. (\$125,000), and art centers in Rochester and Duluth received funding through the Bush Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program, which provides long-term, strategic operating support for mid-size arts organizations. The Foundation also funded a building to expand the capacity of Grand Marais Arts, Inc. in Grand Marais, Minn.

**Other – 5 Grants/\$817,000**

Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. received \$175,000 to help family farming remain a vibrant and significant piece of the economic landscape of the rural Upper Midwest. In Minneapolis, the Foundation's Board approved a grant of \$300,000 to the Neighborhood Development Center, Inc. toward a capital project to develop the Midtown Global Market in the Midtown Exchange complex (the former Sears Tower on Lake Street).

**Fellowships – 3 Grants/\$2,890,550**

The Board also approved renewal of the Foundation's three grant programs to individuals—the Bush Artist Fellows, Bush Medical Fellows and Bush Leadership Fellows Programs—which provide support for further education and personal development to artists, physicians and mid-career community leaders.

**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.

List of Individual Grants

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**American Composers Forum** \$125,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

For a final grant of operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

**Artspace Projects, Inc.** \$125,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

For a final grant of general operating support and to increase individual donors through the Regional Arts Development Program

**Duluth Art Institute Association** \$45,000

Duluth, Minnesota

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

**Grand Marais Arts, Inc.** \$30,000

Grand Marais, Minnesota

Toward a capital campaign

**Minnesota Orchestral Association** \$685,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To support UPbeat Metro and UPbeat Greater Minnesota educational programming

**Playwrights' Center, Inc.** \$166,120

Minneapolis, Minnesota

To hire a full-time membership and literary associate and part-time administrative assistant

**Preservation North Dakota** \$25,000

Buffalo, North Dakota

For strategic planning assistance, board development and part-time administrative assistance

**Rochester Art Center** \$60,000

Rochester, Minnesota

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

**State Historical Society** \$102,000  
**of North Dakota Foundation**  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
For additional administrative support and development expertise to  
prepare for a capital campaign

**ECOLOGICAL HEALTH**

**Ducks Unlimited, Inc.** \$120,000  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
For salary and equipment costs to develop outreach materials for  
landowners on the ecology of shallow lakes and conservation programs

**Friends of the Mississippi River** \$120,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
To support continued implementation of a pilot project for a watershed  
initiative

**The Great Plains Institute** \$181,401  
**for Sustainable Development, Inc.**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
To support "Powering the Plains," a program to reduce the levels of  
carbon dioxide produced from the generation of electricity

**Great Plains Windustry Project** \$254,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
To expand decision-making tools and information for landowners and  
communities to develop wind energy projects

**Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy** \$165,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
For a collaborative ecological health network in Minnesota and the  
Dakotas

**Midtown Greenway Coalition** \$70,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
To expand green spaces along the Midtown Greenway

**Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy** \$97,303  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
To continue building public health program capacity

**Minnesota Environmental Partnership** \$275,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

To strengthen the efforts of an environmental coalition in improving water quality

**Northern Plains Sustainable** \$83,300

**Agriculture Stewardship Fund**

Fullerton, North Dakota

To expand the Farm Breeder Club

**Northern Prairies Land Trust** \$190,914

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

To hire a watershed coordinator to work with landowners, the City of Sioux Falls and others to address linkages between land use, water quality and public health concerns

**Trees, Water and People** \$100,000

Fort Collins, Colorado

To expand a tree planting and solar energy program on the Pine Ridge Reservation

**EDUCATION**

**A Chance to Grow, Inc.** \$100,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Toward a demonstration project to adapt an educational intervention program for early childhood educators and students

**Collaboration for the Advancement of College** \$258,000

**Teaching and Learning**

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To support the Collaboration of Teaching and Learning

**Independent School District #625 - Saint Paul** \$1,190,220

Saint Paul, Minnesota

For Phase II of the Connected Counseling Program for high school completion

**State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services** \$200,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

To continue the Child Development Program for Infants and Toddlers

**State of North Dakota, Department of Human Services** \$585,008  
Bismarck, North Dakota

To support the Child Development Successor Program in North Dakota

**Reuben Lindh Family Services** \$100,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To continue the Southeast Asian Program, for a family worker position and to expand capacity in the preschool

**South Dakota Coalition for Children, Inc.** \$180,000  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For an early care and education project

**University of St. Thomas** \$449,725  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

To continue and expand faculty/student collaboration in inquiry-based learning methodologies

**FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

**Bush Artist Fellows Program** \$720,000  
St. Paul, MN  
2006 Program

**Bush Leadership Fellows Program** \$1,483,750  
St. Paul, MN  
2006 Program

**Bush Medical Fellows Program** \$686,800  
New Prague, MN  
2006 Program

**HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

**African American Family Services, Inc** \$180,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To launch a culturally specific adolescent division of mental and chemical health services

<b>Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, Inc.</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$45,000
To implement a strategic plan for an organization that provides legal training and support to organizations working with battered women and to change and improve the legal system's response to battered women	
<b>Behavior Management Systems, Inc.</b> Rapid City, South Dakota	\$93,090
For enhanced aftercare services for the clients of Full Circle	
<b>Bridging, Incorporated</b> Bloomington, Minnesota	\$50,000
To support staff at a Saint Cloud location to distribute furniture and household items for families in crisis	
<b>Center for Reducing Rural Violence</b> Bemidji, Minnesota	\$65,713
To fund an organizational plan	
<b>Cornerstone Advocacy Service</b> Bloomington, Minnesota	\$70,000
To rebuild a volunteer program in an agency that provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and community services for victims of domestic violence	
<b>Corporation for Supportive Housing</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$200,000
For two full-time program officers dedicated to providing assistance and training in Greater Minnesota	
<b>Crossroads Aftercare Program, Inc.</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$60,000
Toward a capital campaign	
<b>Evergreen House</b> Bemidji, Minnesota	\$175,000
To develop a halfway house specifically for adolescents	
<b>First Circuit Court Appointed Special Advocate Program</b> Mitchell, South Dakota	\$41,600
To expand a court advocacy program for abused and neglected children	

<b>Hope Community, Inc.</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$90,000
To expand and evaluate the programs of a learning center for low-income and immigrant adults	
<b>Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance Incorporated</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$326,380
For legal representation and coordination of ongoing planning	
<b>Perspectives, Inc.</b> Saint Louis Park, Minnesota	\$500,000
To expand services of a supervised visitation program	
<b>Ramsey County Community Human Services Department</b> Saint Paul, Minnesota	\$100,000
To continue development of the East Metro Children's Crisis Service Partnership	
<b>Rebuild Resources, Inc.</b> Saint Paul, Minnesota	\$69,570
For costs associated with improving profitability of manufacturing enterprises that employ people recovering from chemical dependency	
<b>RS EDEN, Inc.</b> Saint Paul, Minnesota	\$40,000
To continue providing support to homeless youth residing at Seventh Landing	
<b>Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorder Clinics of Minnesota, Inc.</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$55,000
To add a third speech/language pathologist	
<b>State of Minnesota, Department of Education</b> Roseville, Minnesota	\$400,000
To increase ESL programming for Minnesota adult immigrants and refugees	
<b>Women's Advocates, Inc.</b> Saint Paul, Minnesota	\$40,000
For a mental health component of services to women and children residing in a shelter for victims of domestic violence	

**Youth Farm and Market Projects** \$120,000  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Toward a cultural farming and nutrition program for youth

**Other**

**Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc.** \$175,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
To help family farming remain a vibrant and significant piece of the economic landscape of the rural Upper Midwest

**Friends of the Minnesota State Capitol** \$30,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
To support operations

**Hispanics in Philanthropy** \$162,000  
San Francisco, CA  
To support the Funders' Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities in the Upper Midwest region and to support strategic planning

**Neighborhood Development Center, Inc.** \$300,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
Toward a capital project to develop the Midtown Global Market

**SectorWorks, Inc. (pending name change:  
Fieldstone Alliance, Inc.)** \$150,000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
To support transition costs at a newly-independent organization that provides technical assistance to nonprofits