

Bush Foundation Approves \$5.3 Million in Grants to Strengthen Communities Across the Upper Midwest Region

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St. Paul, Minnesota (November 3, 2003) — Grants to support small and mid-sized arts organizations, faculty development in higher education and services for battered women were among the 44 grants totaling \$5.3 million made by the Bush Foundation Board of Directors on November 3.

A number of Twin Cities-based arts organizations received grants, including two specializing in culturally specific performances— Penumbra Theater Company, Inc. (\$75,000) and Minnesota Jewish Theater Company (\$45,000). The Dale Warland Singers will use a \$60,000 grant to support its last full season of performances and educational activities. The Schubert Club received a grant of \$99,901 to create and staff a development office.

Two area colleges, Carleton College in Northfield and Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, received substantial grants of more than \$200,000 each over three years to improve teaching through faculty development.

Shelter House, Inc., an organization serving battered women in the Willmar area, received a grant of \$195,000 to build a new shelter for women and children. The YWCA in Fargo-Moorhead received \$250,000 to build an emergency shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness and domestic violence.

In other categories, the Bush Foundation granted \$92,000 toward a new facility for the KAXE Northern Community Radio station in Grand Rapids, MN.

The Bush Foundation is a private grantmaking organization that fosters 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, North Dakota and South Dakota. Its 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.

Arts and Humanities

Grants to preserve and showcase the history of North Dakota cowboy culture and Western heritage and a significant collection of American Indian artwork in South Dakota were awarded by the Bush Foundation in its November grant round. A number of smaller Twin Cities metro area arts organizations were also funded.

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in Bismarck received a \$75,000 grant toward a capital campaign to construct a center of Western heritage and history in Medora. The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, S.D. received \$40,000 for a curatorial effort to document and conserve its collection of more than two thousand artifacts and contemporary artworks.

The Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral Association and the Bismarck/Mandan Orchestral Association each received three-year grants to support marketing and audience development. The Rapid City Fine Arts Council will receive \$56,276 to fund programming in the expanded Dahl Arts Center. In Brookings, the South Dakota Humanities Council's effort to build statewide authorship, literacy and reading through its new Center for the Book program was funded.

In the Twin Cities metro area, Bush Foundation grants will fund arts organizations at critical stages of growth and development. Three Minneapolis groups—Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Ragamala Music and Dance Theater and S.A.S.E.—received grants to fund staff expansion.

Education

Universities, early child development work and a school district in the Bush Foundation region received more than \$2.7 million in grants to implement programs and improve faculty teaching methods.

The University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. received a \$450,000 matching grant toward its capital campaign. Other education grants in North Dakota included \$337,495 to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and \$80,000 to United Tribes Technical College in

Bismarck to train faculty in assessment techniques.

A number of South Dakota universities received grants for faculty development, including Northern State University in Aberdeen, Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell and Mount Marty College in Yankton.

Also in South Dakota, a \$300,000 grant was made to the Todd County School District in Mission to fund implementation of a comprehensive high school retention program.

Two grants totaling more than \$500,000 were made to continue the development of training programs for infant and toddler caregivers at South Dakota State University in Brookings and the State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services in Pierre.

Ecological Health

Four grants were approved in the area of ecological health, including \$35,000 to support tree planting, installation of solar collectors and environmental outreach on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In Dickinson, N.D., an \$80,000 grant was made to advance renewable energy efforts. In the Twin Cities metro area, grants were made to the Minnesota Institute of Public Health (\$74,984) to design a plan for reducing exposure to pesticides in the Red River Valley and to the Southeast Como Improvement Association (\$84,225) for its work with neighborhood industry to voluntarily reduce air emissions.

Health and Human Services

Grants were made to 13 organizations, including \$50,000 to a job training organization in Park Rapids, M.N. that trains high school students to build "battlebots" to keep them interested in staying in school. The Board also approved a \$210,000 grant to La Familia Guidance Center in St. Paul to help it adapt a nationally certified, best-practices therapeutic approach to meet the needs of Latino youth and their families. Project for Pride in Living in Minneapolis received a grant for its employment program.

Youth and family programs in Minneapolis that received grants include the Little Earth Neighborhood Early Learning Center Corporation and Life's Missing Link. Organizations supporting immigrants and refugees also received grants, including the Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota and the Minnesota African Women's Association.

The Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers in Minneapolis received an \$80,000 grant to continue its work in providing community-based social service organizations with core management services and to conduct a communications and civic engagement campaign to promote good public policy and voting.

List of Individual Grants

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bismarck/Mandan Orchestral Association

Bismarck, ND

To establish a new programming assistant position to support work in marketing and fund raising \$ 50,000

Dale Warland Singers

St. Paul, MN

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

Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral Association

Moorhead, MN

For renewed operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$30,000

Highpoint Center for Printmaking

Minneapolis, MN

To support staff positions \$66,080

Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company

St. Paul, MN

To establish a full-time position of associate director for external affairs \$45,000

North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, Inc.

Bismarck, ND

Toward a capital campaign to construct a center of western heritage and history \$75,000

Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc.

St. Paul, MN

For renewed operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program \$75,000

Ragamala Music and Dance Theater

Minneapolis, MN

To hire a part-time administrative assistant and to pay stipends for three company dancers \$46,000

Rapid City Fine Arts Council, Inc.

Rapid City, SD

To fund part-time curators and to improve computer technology \$56,276

Red Cloud Indian School

Pine Ridge, SD

To fund the director and curator positions for the Heritage Center \$40,000

S.A.S.E.

Minneapolis, MN

To recruit and hire an Executive Director \$39,200

Schubert Club

St. Paul, MN

To create and staff a development office \$99,901

South Dakota Humanities Council

Brookings, SD

To provide staff and internal support to strengthen a statewide program to encourage authorship, literacy, and reading \$100,000

EDUCATION

Carleton College

Northfield, MN

For a faculty development program to improve student learning through Writing \$235,733

Dakota Wesleyan University Mitchell, SD To develop a system and culture of assessment of teaching and learning	\$147,000
Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University Davis, CA To plan a tribal college faculty development program	\$15,000
Gustavus Adolphus College St. Peter, MN To support a comprehensive plan for faculty development focused on teaching and learning	\$225,000
Mount Marty College Yankton, SD For a faculty development program	\$150,000
Northern State University Aberdeen, SD To support the second phase of a six-year effort to analyze the effectiveness of various pedagogical strategies and instructional technologies on student learning and retention	\$225,000
South Dakota State University Brookings, SD For continued development of an Infant/Toddler Resource Center located at South Dakota State University	\$41,027
State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services Pierre, SD To implement the Bush Child Development Successor Program	\$501,623
Todd County School District #66-1 Mission, SD To implement a comprehensive high school retention program	\$300,000

United Tribes Technical College

Bismarck, ND

For faculty training in instructional methodology, assessment of learning, advising, and native cultures \$80,000

University of Mary

Bismarck, ND

For the "Campaign for Growth through Change and Commitment" \$450,000

University of North Dakota

Grand Forks, ND

To renew a faculty development program to engage faculty in assessment as a way to enhance teaching and learning \$337,495

HEALTH**La Familia Guidance Center, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To become a certified Functional Family Therapy site \$210,000

HUMAN SERVICES**Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women**

St. Cloud, MN

To provide project support while initiating a transition plan for a batterer's education program \$30,000

Clare Housing

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign to create 30 units of housing with supportive services for low-income adults living with HIV/AIDS Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota \$140,000

Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

To complete the transition to an independent organization and for financial Planning \$40,000

Life's Missing Link

Minneapolis, MN

For a staff position to develop a resource data base, a network of service providers, and a volunteer program to serve truant and homeless youth \$58,647

Little Earth Neighborhood Early Learning Center Corporation

Minneapolis, MN

To support administrative staff to continue implementation of the Little Earth Joint Partnership, its vision, and long-range plan \$190,000

Merriam Park Community Services

St. Paul, MN

For a merger of human service organizations \$50,000

Minnesota African Women's Association

Minneapolis, MN

To hire a full-time executive director and add new staff hours as needed \$20,000

MMCDC's Team Works, Inc.

Park Rapids, MN

To expand a pilot job skills development and mentoring program for Native American and other at-risk high school students in rural Minnesota \$50,000

Pillsbury United Communities

Minneapolis, MN

To support initiatives to increase earned income \$50,500

Project for Pride in Living, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

To support costs of merging the Health Careers Institute with the Train to Work program \$60,000

Shelter House, Inc.

Willmar, MN

Toward a capital campaign to build an emergency shelter and service offices \$195,000

Young Women's Christian Association of Fargo-Moorhead	
Fargo, ND	
Toward the construction of an emergency shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness and domestic violence	\$250,000
OTHER	
Dakota Resource Council	
Dickinson, ND	
To hire an energy coordinator to advance renewable energy efforts in North Dakota	\$80,000
Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers	
Minneapolis, MN	
To establish a centralized management services office to provide more efficient core services for the alliance membership	\$80,000
Minnesota Institute of Public Health	
Mounds View, MN	
To design a plan for reducing exposure to pesticides in the Red River Valley	\$74,984
Northern Community Radio	
Grand Rapids, MN	
Toward a capital campaign to build a new radio station	\$92,000
Southeast Como Improvement Association	
Minneapolis, MN	
To support an environmental coordinator and secure voluntary reductions in air emission from neighborhood industry sources	\$84,225
Trees, Water and People	
Fort Collins, CO	
To support tree planting, solar installation, and environmental outreach efforts on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation	\$35,000