

Bush Foundation Grants Support Twin Cities High Schools, Region's Colleges Youth and Homeless

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St. Paul, Minnesota (November 15, 2004) — The Bush Foundation Board of Directors approved nearly \$2 million in grants to the University of Minnesota and Minneapolis Public Schools, in addition to funding school readiness programs for toddlers in Rochester and a capital campaign for Resources for Child Caring in Saint Paul. In total, the Foundation made \$8,825,332 in grants to 56 nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota at its November 9th board meeting.

Education

The University of Minnesota will receive \$990,000 for faculty development to improve teaching and student learning at its four campuses. Faculty on the Twin Cities campus will try to improve the success rates of students who enroll in large classes that are currently lecture centered. The grant will allow them to explore other methods of teaching that actively engage students in the learning process. Other University of Minnesota campuses at Morris, Duluth and Crookston will use the grant to develop methods to improve student learning tailored to their specific needs. Hamline University in Saint Paul also received a \$300,000 grant for faculty development focusing on international learning. Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. and Turtle Mountain Community College, a tribal college in Belcourt, N.D., also received faculty development grants. Clark Atlanta University, a historically Black college in Atlanta, Ga., received a grant of \$300,000 to develop a scholarship of teaching and learning program.

The Minneapolis Public Schools are part of a Bush Foundation pilot project to test innovative ways to improve high school graduation rates in selected school districts in Minnesota and South Dakota. This \$823,578 grant funds an expansion of its high school attendance program, Check and Connect, to Edison High School. Check and Connect uses an intensive one-on-one monitoring process that creates positive relationships among the school, the teachers and the family so they can work together to keep kids in school. It is already in place at North and Roosevelt High Schools.

Capital Projects

Two major Twin Cities human services agencies received grants for capital projects—\$250,000 to Neighborhood House in Saint Paul for its new facility and \$250,000 to Catholic Charities. Twin Cities Public Television will use \$350,000 toward the upgrade of production and transmission equipment to digital.

In Greater Minnesota, the White Earth Land Recovery Project on the White Earth Reservation will renovate a restaurant to use for Native Harvest, its food production and

distribution project. Churches United for the Homeless will use a \$180,000 capital grant to renovate an old furniture warehouse in Moorhead, Minn. to provide emergency shelter. In Alexandria, Minn., the Listening Ear Crisis Center Project will purchase a safe house for battered women and children with its \$30,000 grant.

Arts

Twin Cities arts organizations Penumbra Theater and Children's Theater received grants of \$75,000 and \$325,000, respectively, through the Bush Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program (RADP), which is focused on improving the long-term operational capacity of mid-sized arts organizations. Ballet Works, Inc. of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Children's Museum also received RADP grants of \$80,000 and \$130,000, respectively.

Seventh Generation Media Services, owner of radio station KLND located on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in McLaughlin, S.D., received a \$20,000 grant to help in the application process for federal funds to rebuild its translator. This will expand the station's ability to reach all parts of the Reservation.

Youth and Family

Human services grants in the Twin Cities area concentrated on organizations addressing the needs of children and families. Safe Haven Shelter for Youth in Prior Lake (\$30,625) and St. Stephen's Human Services (\$47,000) received capital grants for facilities to serve homeless youth and families. Grants to organizations serving youth also included \$30,000 to Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association to fund restorative justice services for youth in the Phillips neighborhood, \$60,000 to Northwest Youth and Family Services in Shoreview for its Youth-Run Business Program, \$70,000 to Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota in Saint Paul and \$174,000 to the Washburn Child Guidance Center in Minneapolis to serve children with serious emotional and behavioral difficulties. In Sioux Falls, S.D., The Center for Alternative Lifestyles will use Bush Foundation funding (\$30,740) to expand work with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth.

Ecological Health

The Minnesota Institute of Public Health received \$224,775 to develop training and public health preventive measures for farmers in the Red River Valley who apply pesticides to their crops. The Foundation Board also gave \$215,000 to The Minnesota Project to develop local food systems in Minnesota through the Heartland Food Initiative. This concept will link local food producers with restaurants, chefs, businesses and institutions that will become markets for their products, as well as advocates for public policies that support sustainable agriculture practices.

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 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 United States.

Please [click here](#) for a complete list of the Foundation's grants to organizations in 2004.

List of Individual Grants

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Ballet Works, Inc. Minneapolis, MN For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program	\$80,000
Children's Theatre Company and School Minneapolis, MN For a final grant of operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program	\$325,000
First People's Fund Rapid City, SD To support a comprehensive strategic planning process and to complete the transition to independent nonprofit status	\$50,000
Forecast Public Artworks St. Paul, MN For a business manager/development director position	\$59,800
Intermedia Arts Minnesota, Inc. Minneapolis, MN For a major Internet and digital programming initiative to engage immigrant populations	\$90,000
Juxtaposition, Inc. Minneapolis, MN Toward a capital campaign to renovate a building as primary exhibition and education space, and for an administrative assistant	\$104,684
Metropolitan Regional Arts Council St. Paul, MN For a research project to better understand and develop ways to help nurture arts activities in rural and outlying suburban communities	\$53,600

Minnesota Children's Museum \$130,000
St. Paul, MN
For a final grant of operating support through the Regional Arts
Development Program

Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc. \$75,000
St. Paul, MN
For continued operating support through the Regional Arts
Development Program

Plymouth Music Series \$50,000
Minneapolis, MN
To expand its ensemble of professional singers and to increase
rehearsal and preparation for performances

Theater Latte Da \$26,860
Minneapolis, MN
To add a half-time managing director

EDUCATION

Achieve! Minneapolis \$823,578
Minneapolis, MN
To expand the "Scaling Up for Success: Check and Connect
Student Engagement Initiative" in Minneapolis Public Schools

Clark Atlanta University, Inc. \$300,000
Atlanta, GA
To develop a scholarship of teaching and learning program

Concordia College, Moorhead \$500,000
Moorhead, MN
To match contributions for the "Campaign for Concordia," a
comprehensive capital campaign

Hamline University \$300,000
St. Paul, MN
For a faculty development project in international learning and
for the development of a sustainable model for improved
student learning

Resources for Child Caring, Inc. \$300,000
St. Paul, MN
Toward a capital campaign for a new organizational
headquarters

Rochester Area Foundation \$80,000
Rochester, MN
For efforts that target infants and toddlers within a comprehensive school readiness program

State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services \$559,569
Pierre, SD
To continue the Bush Child Development Successor Program

University of Minnesota \$990,000
Minneapolis, MN
To enhance student learning through innovative teaching and educational technology strategies

HEALTH

Hospice Minnesota \$10,000
St. Paul, MN
To hire consultants to develop materials and conduct trainings to improve end-of-life care for Hmong and Spanish speakers

Minnesota Institute of Public Health \$224,775
Mounds View, MN
For a public health campaign in the Red River Valley to prevent chronic disease in workers who apply pesticides

Portico Healthnet \$50,000
St. Paul, MN
To increase enrollment in health care coverage programs for immigrants and the working poor in northwest Hennepin County

HUMAN SERVICES

African Community Services \$75,250
Minneapolis, MN
To expand the family stability program by hiring a second, full-time family advocate

Assistive Technology of Minnesota \$50,000
Maple Plain, MN
For a local match to receive federal funding for a statewide program to finance equipment for persons with disabilities

Bolder Options \$50,000
Minneapolis, MN

Toward a capital campaign for a new organizational headquarters

Casa de Esperanza \$115,000

St. Paul, MN

To refine and integrate a community engagement model

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese \$250,000

of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Minneapolis, MN

Toward facility repair and replacement as part of a comprehensive capital campaign

The Center for Alternative Lifestyles \$30,740

Sioux Falls, SD

To expand work with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth

Churches United for the Homeless \$180,000

Moorhead, MN

Toward a capital campaign for a homeless shelter for individuals and families

Community Action Center of Northfield, Inc. \$40,000

Northfield, MN

For program and case management areas of a supportive housing project for residents diagnosed with persistent mental illness

Forest Lake Area Youth Service Bureau, Inc. \$50,000

Forest Lake, MN

To maintain program levels while implementing a strategic plan

Guild, Incorporated \$25,000

West St. Paul, MN

To expand a volunteer service program

Listening Ear Crisis Center Project \$30,000

Alexandria, MN

To purchase a safe house for battered women and children

Neighborhood House \$250,000

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign for a multicultural community services center in St. Paul

The North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People Bismarck, ND For a staff position to coordinate a grants program and related activities to prevent homelessness	\$65,000
Northwest Youth and Family Services Shoreview, MN To expand a youth-run business program	\$60,000
Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association Minneapolis, MN To expand restorative justice services to the Phillips neighborhood and to begin serving youth	\$30,000
Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota St. Paul, MN To support the creation of a prevention services position	\$70,000
Renewing the Countryside II Minneapolis, MN To evaluate rural revitalization work and to share information inspired by Renewing the Countryside	\$79,851
Safe Haven Shelter for Youth Prior Lake, MN Toward a capital campaign to centralize administrative and programmatic space	\$30,625
St. Stephens Human Services, Inc. Minneapolis, MN Toward a capital campaign to improve buildings that house programs for homeless individuals and families	\$47,000
Turning Point, Inc. Minneapolis, MN For start-up costs to implement a holistic outpatient treatment program that includes supportive and transitional housing components for chemically dependent adults	\$175,000
Washburn Child Guidance Center Minneapolis, MN Toward a comprehensive evaluation of a program serving young children with serious emotional and behavioral difficulties	\$174,000
Women's Transitional Housing Coalition, Inc.	\$70,000

Duluth, MN
For community office space within a supportive
housing project for homeless women

OTHER

Citizens League \$60,000
St. Paul, MN
For a membership coordinator position

Friends of the Minnesota Valley \$175,000
Bloomington, MN
For expanded pollution identification and conservation work in
the Lower Minnesota River Basin

Grand Excursion \$50,000
St. Paul, MN
For the "Legacy Project," to assess and communicate lessons
learned from the Grand Excursion programs

Historic Saint Paul Corporation \$110,000
St. Paul, MN
Toward a plan for organizational development

Institute for Local Self Reliance \$200,000
Minneapolis, MN
To continue work in the energy sector and in local economic
development

Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. \$150,000
Gaithersburg, MD
For the Midwest Clean Air Campaign and for a wilderness and
public lands program

Local Initiatives Support Corporation \$125,000
New York, NY
To support the development and implementation of an
outcomes measurement initiative for community development
corporations affiliated with Twin Cities-LISC

Local Initiatives Support Corporation \$150,000
New York, NY
For a technical assistance training program for community
development corporations affiliated with Duluth-LISC

The Minnesota Project, Inc. \$215,000
St. Paul, MN

To support the Heartland Food Initiative

Seventh Generation Media Services, Inc. \$20,000

McLaughlin, SD

To hire contracted engineering and development assistance for a capital project and to obtain operations support

Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. \$350,000

St. Paul, MN

Toward a \$3.6 million program to upgrade digital production and transmission equipment

White Earth Land Recovery Project \$150,000

Ponsford, MN

To complete the purchase and renovation of a new headquarters for Native Harvest, a food production program