

## **BUSH FOUNDATION GRANTS BENEFIT IMMIGRANTS AND CHILDREN, RURAL AREAS AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

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**Saint Paul, Minn. (Nov. 14, 2006)**—The Bush Foundation Board of Directors approved 68 grants for a total of more than \$10.5 million at its November board meeting, including \$1 million to the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul toward its capital campaign to build a new Wilder Center and a \$1 million matching capital grant to Jamestown College, Inc. in North Dakota. Minneapolis organizations serving immigrants and refugees from Africa received grants, including \$276,624 to The Storefront Group for mental health services, \$60,000 to the Oromo Community, Inc. for employment needs and \$20,000 to the Minnesota African Women's Association for a girls leadership program.

Organizations focusing on food systems, community building and energy work were among those funded, including the Land Stewardship Project (\$310,000) and The Minnesota Project, Inc. (\$275,000). Grants to rural communities included \$138,180 to the Timber Lake & Area Development, Inc., representing a joint effort of the South Dakota towns of Timber Lake, Dupree and Isabel to improve the region's economy.

A breakdown of the grants by program area follows with a sampling of representative grants in each area. You can search the Foundation's grantmaking database at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org).

#### **Arts and Humanities—9 Grants/\$594,078**

COMPAS, Inc. of Saint Paul received a grant of \$100,000 to expand ArtsWork, a youth arts employment program. Independent Feature Project-North in Saint Paul received \$75,000 for a new marketing program. The Foundation's Regional Arts Development Program (Phase I) funded Ballet Works, Inc. in Minneapolis for \$50,000, while Minneapolis-based Heart of the Beast Theatre, Incorporated received entry-year support of \$96,000 in the second phase of the Regional Arts Development Program.

#### **Education—6 Grants/\$1,676,040**

The University of Minnesota received \$48,167 for a planning grant to develop a project to ease students' transitions from high school to college. The North Dakota Consensus Council in Bismarck was granted \$150,000 to assist school districts in North Dakota in consolidating services and cooperating to get better access to federal funds. The State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services received \$237,873 to continue its Bush Foundation-sponsored early childhood development work. The Foundation also funded faculty development in tribal colleges—Dine College in Tsaile, Ariz., and Blackfeet Community College in Browning, Mont.

### **Human Services and Health—34 grants/\$5,030,740**

The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association received \$70,000 for a capital campaign, and Reuben Lindh Family Services was granted \$100,000 to continue a program for very young Southeast Asian children. Project for Pride in Living, Inc. will get \$75,000 to support a new employment case manager. The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health will develop an infant and early childhood division with a grant of \$236,800.

In the housing area, Central Community Housing Trust will use a grant of \$150,000 to implement services for low-income residents living in its properties. The Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice was granted \$150,000 to develop an educational program for employers to help them hire people with arrest records.

Family and Children's Service in Minneapolis will implement and evaluate a new model to reduce the risks of violence in children and families with a \$300,000 grant. A \$50,000 grant went to the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting for the Minnesota Adolescent Parent Network.

### **Ecological Health—11 Grants/\$2,224,000**

Cannon River Watershed Partnership, Inc. in Northfield, Minn. received a grant of \$160,000 to improve surface- and ground-water quality in that area. A grant of \$200,000 will go to Great River Greening of Saint Paul for a collaborative program to work with landowners to create a positive impact on watersheds. The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund will use a \$300,000 grant to fund the "green premium" cost associated with green housing demonstration projects, and to fund systems change and policy work regarding green housing.

### **Other—8 Grants/\$1,091,206**

The Center for Rural Policy and Development in Saint Peter, Minn. will use a \$225,000 grant to establish a statewide rural civic engagement program. Northside Residents Redevelopment Council was granted \$43,000 to prepare a capital campaign for Karamu House in North Minneapolis. Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. was granted \$90,026 to design an online archive of media materials.

In other Bush Foundation business, Anita M. Pampusch announced to the Board her intention to step down as president at the end of 2007.

**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. Nationally, the Bush Foundation also supports fully accredited tribal colleges and, through The College Fund/UNCF, historically black private colleges and universities.