

## **Bush Foundation Awards Over \$14 Million in Grants at November 2005 Board Meeting**

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Saint Paul, Minn. (November 18, 2005)—The Bush Foundation has awarded \$5 million in unrestricted grants to two private historically black universities and a college to support their efforts to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Dillard University and Xavier University, both in New Orleans, will each receive \$2 million; Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss., will receive \$1 million.

Bush Foundation President Anita M. Pampusch said, “The Bush Foundation has had long relationships with Xavier, Dillard and Tougaloo. We believe that it is very important and necessary for them to continue their important work of developing African American leadership through higher education. We hope that our grant, coming at this time, will speed their recovery from the hurricane and its aftermath so they can return to their critical education missions.”

In total, the Foundation awarded 62 grants for a total of just over \$14 million at its November meeting of the Board of Directors. A breakdown by program area follows with a sampling of representative grants in each area.

#### **Education/Child Development –13 Grants/\$8,015,260**

The Foundation made a \$750,000 matching grant to the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota for its capital campaign and gave \$450,000 to the Todd County School District #66-1 in Mission, S.D., to increase high school graduation rates. St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., will receive \$300,000 for faculty development. In Minneapolis, Ready 4 K was granted \$331,200 to continue work on school-readiness programs for young children, and the State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services received \$650,060 to continue its work in early childhood education.

#### **Ecological Health–8 Grants/\$1,240,650**

The Minnesota Institute of Public Health, Mounds View, Minn., will use a \$465,650 grant to continue its educational work with users of agricultural pesticides. Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy received \$285,000 to advance the adoption of clean energy policies and increase production of community-based renewable energy. The Center for Civic Participation will use a grant of \$70,000 to create a book of illustrated essays that features locations within the Blue Earth Watershed District in Minnesota.

**Human Services and Health—22 Grants/\$2,742,774**

A number of nonprofits working on behalf of children received grants, including \$70,000 to Children’s Dental Services for an outreach specialist for the Oromo community; \$210,000 for the Children’s Defense Fund to expand its tax and benefit outreach program further into rural Minnesota; \$350,000 to Children’s Care Hospital and School for a capital campaign for its Children’s Care Rehabilitation and Development Center in Rapid City, S.D., which provides outpatient services to children with special needs; a grant of \$129,144 to the Sojourner Project, Inc. in Hopkins, Minn., for a child safety initiative; and \$300,000 to the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls, Minn., for a program to combat methamphetamine production and use in rural areas of Minnesota.

**Arts and Humanities—14 Grants/\$1,635,300**

The Commonweal Theatre Company in Lanesboro, Minn., received a \$350,000 grant for its capital campaign. As part of the Regional Arts Development Program, Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc. was granted \$75,000; \$80,000 went to the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra in Sioux Falls, S.D.; the Foundation awarded \$180,000 to the North Dakota Museum of Art in Grand Forks, N.D.; Graywolf Press received \$200,000 and Northern Clay Center got \$80,000.

The Washington Pavilion Management, Inc. in Sioux Falls, S.D., will hire managing directors for its Visual Arts Center with a \$305,900 grant. The Ritz Theater Foundation was granted \$120,000 for renovation, and Ballet of the Dolls, Inc. in Minneapolis received a grant of \$40,000 for additional staff.

**Other—5 Grants/\$375,000**

Other grants included a \$100,000 grant to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Inc. for work with nonprofits to deepen and expand their networking abilities and a \$50,000 grant to Peta Wakan Tipi in Saint Paul to purchase a ten-acre organic farm in Hugo, Minn., for the “Dream of Wild Health” program.

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.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

**Ballet of the Dolls, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

For new and increased positions to operate a newly renovated theater

\$40,000

**Coffee House Press**

Minneapolis, MN

To continue improving back-list sales and outreach to the academic market

\$35,000

**Commonweal Theatre Company**

Lanesboro, MN

Toward a capital campaign

\$350,000

**Graywolf Press**

St. Paul, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

\$200,000

**Independent Feature Project-North**

St. Paul, MN

Toward a capital campaign

\$50,000

**North Dakota Museum of Art**

Grand Forks, ND

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

\$180,000

**Northern Clay Center**

Minneapolis, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

\$80,000

**Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

\$75,000

**Red River Valley Center at Moorhead**

Moorhead, MN

Toward planning for diverse cultural programming and capital campaign planning for a permanent Red River Valley exhibit \$39,400

**The Ritz Theater Foundation**

Minneapolis, MN

To renovate the Ritz Theater in Minneapolis

\$120,000

**The Rose Ensemble**

St. Paul, MN

To hire a full-time operations manager

\$55,000

**South Dakota Humanities Council**

Brookings, SD

To provide staff and support to strengthen the South Dakota Center for the Book

\$25,000

**South Dakota Symphony Orchestra**

Sioux Falls, SD

For continued operating support through the Regional Arts Development Program I

\$80,000

**Washington Pavilion Management, Inc.**

Sioux Falls, SD

To hire two managing directors for education and for the Visual Arts Center

\$305,900

**ECOLOGICAL HEALTH**

**Center for Civic Participation**

Minneapolis, MN

To support From the Ground Up, a project to restore land in the Blue Earth Minnesota River Basin

\$70,000

**Clean Up the River Environment**

Montevideo, MN

To promote ecological renewal and economic revitalization in the Upper Minnesota River Watershed

\$70,000

**Dakota Rural Action, Inc.**

Brookings, SD

To support grassroots organizing work and organizational evaluation and planning

\$150,000

**Minnesota Institute of Public Health**

Mounds View, MN

To complete institutionalization of statewide training of persons who apply pesticides

\$465,650

**Minnesota League of Conservation Voters Education Fund**

St. Paul, MN

For the New Advocacy Project to help shape public policy for conservation

\$90,000

**Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy**

St. Paul, MN

To advance the adoption of clean energy policies, increase production of community-based renewable energy, and build organizational capacity

\$285,000

**Mississippi River Basin Alliance**

Minneapolis, MN

To create a publicly accessible and interactive online system for effective collaboration among stakeholders of healthy waters in the Mississippi River Basin and Gulf of

Mexico

\$75,000

**Redefining Progress**

Oakland, CA

To build coalitions around clean energy policies in Minnesota

\$35,000

**EDUCATION**

**Dillard University**

New Orleans, LA

For recovery for victims of Hurricane Katrina at Dillard University

\$2,000,000

**Dull Knife Memorial College**

Lame Deer, MT

For a tribal college faculty development program

\$90,000

**Early Childhood Resource Center**

Minneapolis, MN

To expand a home visiting early literacy program

\$136,000

**Opportunities in Science, Inc.**

Bemidji, MN

To expand staff at the Headwaters Science Center

\$128,000

**Ready 4 K**

St. Paul, MN

To continue work in school readiness, best practices, and grassroots organizing

\$331,200

**Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College**

Agency Village, SD

To incorporate Dakota culture in the curriculum, improve the assessment of student training and teaching effectiveness, and support faculty professional development

\$90,000

**Sitting Bull College**

Fort Yates, ND

For a tribal college faculty development program to improve student retention and success

\$90,000

**State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services**

Pierre, SD

To continue the Bush Child Development Successor Program

\$650,060

**St. Olaf College**

Northfield, MN

For renewal of a faculty development program that focuses on the Center for Innovation in the Liberal Arts and other programs

\$300,000

**Todd County School District #66-1**

Mission, SD

For continued support in efforts to increase high school graduation rates

\$450,000

**Tougaloo College**

Tougaloo, MS

For recovery for victims of Hurricane Katrina at Tougaloo College

\$1,000,000

**University of Sioux Falls**

Sioux Falls, SD

To match contributions to the capital and endowment portions of The Greatest Gift Campaign

\$750,000

**Xavier University of Louisiana**

New Orleans, LA

For recovery for victims of Hurricane Katrina at Xavier University

\$2,000,000

**HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH**

**Centro Campesino Por Los Cambios Hacia Adelante**

Owatonna, MN

For an organizing project

\$100,000

**Children's Care Hospital & School**

Sioux Falls, SD

Toward a capital campaign in Rapid City

\$350,000

**Children's Defense Fund**

St. Paul, MN

To expand the Tax and Benefit Outreach initiative in Greater Minnesota

\$210,000

**Children's Dental Services, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

To hire a full-time Oromo public health outreach specialist and a full-time dental assistant

\$70,000

**Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota**

Minneapolis, MN

Toward planning and development of a women's program and related physical space

\$104,500

**Family HealthCare Center**

Fargo, ND

For a new health mentoring program for refugees

\$52,580

**Immigrant Credit Education & Financial Counseling Agency**

Minneapolis, MN

To translate financial literacy programming into seven languages

\$40,000

**Initiative Foundation**

Little Falls, MN

Towards the Rural Methamphetamine Initiative

\$300,000

**Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Incorporated**

Minneapolis, MN

For planning of the Legal Services Coalition technology initiative

\$75,000

**Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To realign existing resources to better serve member programs and increase impact, and to expand the scope of services

\$320,000

**Minnesota Consortium for Advanced Rural Psychology Training**

Detroit Lakes, MN

To implement a pilot project to reduce the shortage of licensed psychologists practicing in rural communities in Becker, Mahnommen, and Ottertail Counties in northwestern Minnesota

\$150,000

**Minnesota Fathers & Families Network**

Minneapolis, MN

To develop a report on the state of fatherhood in Minnesota

\$22,000

**Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center**

Minneapolis, MN

To expand administrative capacity

\$90,000

**Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.**

St. Louis, MO

To support a merger between Parents as Teachers and MELD

\$82,500

**Pearl Crisis Center**

Milaca, MN

To add a teen mentor position to raise awareness about dating violence in Mille Lacs County

\$30,000

**Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

To support the transition of community-based restorative justice programs to the Restorative Justice Community Action Agency

\$46,250

**RS EDEN, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To continue providing support to homeless youth residing at Seventh Landing

\$80,000

**Sojourner Project, Inc.**

Hopkins, MN

To implement a child safety initiative for child victims of domestic violence and abuse

\$129,144

**Southside Family Nurturing Center**

Minneapolis, MN

For a capital campaign

\$185,000

**St. David's Child Development and Family Services**

Minnetonka, MN

To continue a mental health services expansion and to make modifications in the STEEP program to serve teens

\$175,000

**Stuart Pimsler Dance & Theater, Inc.**

Minneapolis, MN

To increase an administrator position from part time to full time

\$50,800

**Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota**

St. Paul, MN

To expand a youth program to the Twin Cities metropolitan suburbs

\$80,000

**OTHER**

**Energy CENTS**

St. Paul, MN

To support programs to provide affordable energy for low-income people

\$35,000

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Inc.**

St. Paul, MN

To expand its capacity to strengthen the nonprofit sector

\$100,000

**People Escaping Poverty Project**

Moorhead, MN

To engage the nonprofit sector in civic participation

\$40,000

**Peta Wakan Tipi**

St. Paul, MN

To purchase a ten-acre organic farm in Hugo, Minnesota for Dream of Wild Health

\$50,000

**Resource Center of the Americas**

Minneapolis, MN

To strengthen the administrative, programmatic, and financial infrastructure of the organization

\$150,000