

Partners in Philanthropy

Winter 2003-2004

A Donor Summary of Recent Grants

Partners in Philanthropy highlights grants approved at The Saint Paul Foundation's November 2003 Board of Directors meeting. You may notice that the winter issue of Partners in Philanthropy includes grants to a large number of capital campaigns; this is because the Foundation approves capital grants only once a year, at its November board meeting. The organizations and programs listed in this publication were reviewed and researched by our program officers who bring valuable knowledge about community issues and needs. We invite you to use the enclosed feedback form to recommend a grant or request more information on any organizations or projects that may be of interest to you. Thank you for the opportunity to share this grants publication with you.

COMMUNITY • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Hamline-Midway Area Rehabilitation Corporation (known as SPARC)

SPARC is creating a Comprehensive Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Project which will improve the local economy of its neighborhoods by working to revitalize Rice Street and Snelling Avenue into attractive, well functioning business corridors. SPARC will dramatically change the physical appearance of commercial centers on Rice Street and Snelling Avenue by promoting renovation of business exteriors, development of new businesses, and cohesive marketing.

\$40,000 to help finance the start-up budget of the Comprehensive Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Project

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Twin Cities provides flexible loans, loan guarantees, grants, and technical assistance to local community development corporations to develop affordable housing, safe streets and parks, credit and employment programs, and durable institutions that preserve and enhance local neighborhoods. This grant will help finance the East Metro portions of LISC's support and capacity building program.

\$375,000 over three years for the Twin Cities Fund for Neighborhood Development and the Fund for Affordable Production in the East Metro area

HOUSING

Community Stabilization Project

Community Stabilization Project seeks to empower and develop leadership capacity of low-income tenants, persons of color, and immigrant communities around issues of affordable housing. This grant will help finance development of an anti-racism curriculum and training.

\$30,000 to help finance the Anti-Racism Curriculum Development and Training Project

Episcopal Homes Foundation of Minnesota

Episcopal Homes is creating an urban continuum of care campus including a 126-bed non-denominational Medicare-certified skilled nursing facility; a 60-unit market rate apartment complex with supportive services for persons 55 and older; and a HUD-subsidized 50-unit apartment for low-income seniors age 62 and older. The \$6 million Capital Campaign will build 50 units of senior housing, of which 33 units will be affordable housing; renovate its 126-bed skilled nursing facility; build a chapel on the campus; and add to their endowment.

\$150,000 for the Capital Campaign to be used for low-income senior housing in the East Metro area

Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation

Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation's Project 20/20 is revitalizing vacant and abandoned properties with new or renovated owner-occupied housing in a particularly deteriorated neighborhood in the Frogtown area. This project is a partnership with Wilder Foundation, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, the City of Saint Paul, the University of Minnesota, Weed and Seed Crime Prevention Program, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and District 78 Planning Council.

\$25,000 to help finance the operating budget of Project 20/20

HOUSING

Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation of the Twin Cities

Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation works to preserve, improve and increase affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. This grant supports expansion of their HousingResource Center (HRC) program in Saint Paul which will offer mortgage foreclosure prevention, home improvement financing, purchase and rehabilitation mortgages, energy assistance, first time homebuyer classes, and home maintenance and safety classes. The Saint Paul HRC will also provide education on building codes, building permits, and construction monitoring.

\$50,000 to help finance start-up of the HousingResource Center in Saint Paul

Project for Pride in Living

Project for Pride in Living helps low- and moderate-income individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency by providing housing, jobs, and training in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. As a part of their \$10.8 million Capital Campaign, Project for Pride in Living requested support for the Affordable Housing Investment and Capital Improvement Fund to be used specifically for the 20 percent of their rental housing portfolio located in the East Metro area. The \$1.5 million fund will support pre-development costs for 50-60 new supportive housing units in partnership with New Foundations; preserve 50-60 units of affordable housing stock by preventing market-rate conversion; and invest in maintaining the quality of the 140 units of existing rental housing in the East Metro owned by Project for Pride in Living.

\$250,000 for the Affordable Housing Investment and Capital Improvement Fund to be used for projects located in the East Metro area

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Hmong United International Council of Minnesota

The Hmong United International Council of Minnesota convenes elders from each of the Hmong clans to mediate family and legal conflicts occurring within the community. All Hmong people belong to one of the 18 clans, and all 18 clans are represented on the Council's Board of Directors. A new Executive Director hired in 2002 is working to strengthen the organizational capacity of the Council. This grant will support expansion of the Council's mediation programs.

\$15,000 to help finance the operating budget of the Council's mediation programs

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

The Lexington-Hamline Community Council is partnering with Concordia University to create service learning opportunities for students, faculty, and Lex-Ham residents. Service learning allows students to practice the skills they are learning, while providing service to nonprofits.

Through this fledgling program, students and community members can participate in projects such as lead pipe analysis, neighborhood history, and outreach programs for immigrants and refugees. Concordia University hired a new Service Learning Coordinator to oversee student placement in the community and design projects that meet community and student needs.

\$10,000 to help finance the Service Learning Initiative with Concordia University

Minnesota Campus Compact

Minnesota Campus Compact has traditionally engaged students in service learning through strategic partnerships that strengthen communities and provide education for an informed and active citizenship. The Community Development Initiative will help to expand its mission to encourage a higher level of institutional civic engagement, including sharing the college/university's human resources, funding, and materials with community-based organizations in addition to providing and monitoring student volunteers.

\$50,000 to help finance the Community Development Initiative within the City of Saint Paul

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute

Hmong Circles of Peace is a program of the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute, which provides an inclusive, safe, and respectful environment for finding peace and balance between the expectations of the Hmong culture and the larger community. The program uses a circle process as a form of restorative justice. This grant will support expansion of the Hmong Circles of Peace program to North High School in North Saint Paul to develop a peacemaking model for addressing an increase in conflicts and incidents.

\$20,000 to help finance the Hmong Circles of Peace North High Peacemaking Model

ARTS • HUMANITIES • CULTURE

Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota Historical Society, the state's oldest institution, is working to foster an awareness of Minnesota history. This grant will support the 2005 opening of *Open House*, an exhibit at the History Center that will tell stories of the daily lives of the working-class families who lived in the house at 470 Hopkins Street in the Railroad Island neighborhood of Saint Paul's East Side. The house was built by a German immigrant family in 1888 and has been home to Italians, African-Americans, and now Southeast Asians. The exhibition will explore the experiences of the home's residents and their struggles to balance cultural traditions with life in America.

\$500,000 to help finance the Open House Exhibit at the History Center



HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Catholic Charities is a \$30 million organization that serves more than 170,000 people of all religious affiliations and ethnic backgrounds annually. Through its 75 programs across the 12-county metropolitan area, Catholic Charities provides a diverse range of services that include emergency shelter for children, transitional housing for the working poor, and support for families moving from welfare to work. Catholic Charities is conducting a \$20.5 million capital campaign to be used as start-up for a homeless youth program, creation of supportive housing for the working poor, and facility improvements.

\$300,000 for Help and Hope from the Heart Capital Campaign for projects located in the East Metro area

Chicanos/Latinos Unidos En Servicios

Chicanos/Latinos Unidos En Servicios (CLUES) was formed in 1981 to provide cultural and linguistically appropriate social services for Saint Paul's Latino community and has expanded to include community education, elder wellness, employment, and chemical health services. More than 20,000 clients are served annually. To accommodate greatly expanded service demands, CLUES is purchasing a 55,000 square foot building in Saint Paul to house all administration and programs.

\$300,000 for the Chicanos/Latinos Unidos En Servicios Capital Campaign

Forest Lake Area Youth Service Bureau

Youth Service Bureau's intervention and prevention programs work with youth and their families to enhance their well being, foster responsive behavior, prevent juvenile delinquency, and divert youth from the criminal justice system. This grant provides second-year funding for the Parenting Support and Education Program to increase the capacity of struggling parents to parent more effectively. In its first year, the Program served 400 parents and families.

\$25,000 to help finance the Parenting Support and Education Project

HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES

Guild Incorporated

Guild Incorporated works to maximize functioning for people with mental illness and minimize negative symptoms that could interfere with a person's housing, employment, relationships, or other areas of their life. Most of the 900 people they work with each year have schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, or other diagnosed psychiatric illnesses. Many clients also have chemical dependency issues. The Guild Community Support Program facility in West Saint Paul has a leaking roof that needs replacement.

\$48,000 to finance replacement of the roof of the Community Support Program Service Center

Hmong American Partnership

The mission of Hmong American Partnership is to help Hmong-Minnesotans achieve their full potential and participate actively in the community by helping them find jobs and decrease reliance on public assistance, helping youth to increase their academic performance and stay away from drugs and crime, and strengthen family and social ties. In 2001 it purchased the old YMCA building on Saint Paul's East Side for \$1.00. Renovation costs equaled the cost of new construction, leading the board of directors to decide to raze the existing building and build a new two-level building with capacity to hold 250 in banquet seating, administrative offices, two conference rooms, three classrooms, and an activity area for children. Construction is expected to be completed in Spring 2004.

\$100,000 for the Hmong American Partnership Capital Campaign

Joseph's Coat, Inc.

Joseph's Coat is a free store located on the West Seventh corridor where people in need can shop for clothing and small household goods in a clean, welcoming environment. Joseph's Coat has moved several times in recent years and requested support to help finance transition operating expenses for its new storefront and to stimulate other contributions in a effort to broaden and increase its revenue base.

\$15,000 to help finance the transitional operating budget (\$5,000) and as a matching grant for new donors or increased contributions from existing donors (\$10,000)

HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES

La Oportunidad

La Oportunidad is the only Latino agency in Minnesota specializing in crime and violence prevention services for the Latino community. Their Latino Youth Program offers leadership groups, summer camp, field trips, job shadowing, internships, and community service projects. In 2002, the Latino Youth Program served 750 youth in Hennepin County. This grant will fully fund expansion of the Latino Youth Program into Dakota and Ramsey Counties.

\$16,900 to finance expansion of the Latino Youth Program to Ramsey and Dakota Counties

Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

Living at Home/Block Nurse Program provides support and coordination to 40 Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs throughout the state. Their goal is to permanently change the way elderly people are cared for and the financial reimbursement system for elder care. The Senior Care Community Partnership Program enables elders to continue living independently in their own homes for as long as possible by integrating community-based services and support systems with medical delivery systems.

\$50,000 to help finance the Senior Care Community Partnership Program

Model Cities Health Center

Model Cities Health Center does business as Open Cities Health Center with a mission of improving the health and well-being of high-risk and vulnerable populations who are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured. They are recognized as a critically important agency in providing access to health care in Saint Paul for underserved populations. For the last four years, Open Cities has struggled with the financial health and stability of the organization and has requested a matching grant to help diversify its funding base.

\$25,000 for Model Cities Health Center as a matching grant for new or lapsed donors or increased contributions from existing donors

HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES

Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House's programs include helping people meet basic needs; intensive case management; counseling; advocacy and support services; and cultural empowerment groups. Intake is conducted in English, Spanish, Hmong and Somali. The \$28 million capital campaign will support building the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building, to include a performance space, meeting rooms, two gymnasiums, a walking track, adult and youth computer labs, a youth center, a dance/exercise room, a weight room, commercial kitchen and congregate dining space, a greatly expanded food shelf, a café, a drop-in child care center, and space to lease out to other nonprofit organizations.

\$500,000 for the Neighborhood House Capital Campaign

People Incorporated

The mission of People Incorporated is to promote and secure independence and community integration for people with mental illness and other brain disorders. They achieve this through 28 programs, including housing, drop-in centers, case management, and home health care. People Incorporated is regarded as a leader in providing client- and family-driven community-based programs. They are conducting a \$5.4 million Changing Minds Capital Campaign to increase housing and renovate existing buildings.

\$300,000 for the Changing Minds Capital Campaign projects located in the East Metro area

Rainbow Families

The mission of Rainbow Families is to create a safe, just, and affirming world for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) parents and children. They are beginning an outreach initiative by creating a new internship coordinator position and a new outreach coordinator position to identify and meet the needs of suburban parents and parents of color. Rainbow Families does not provide direct services but instead works to help existing direct service organizations better meet the needs of GLBT parents, youth, and their families.

\$15,700 to help finance the operating budget of the Outreach Initiative

HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES

Second Harvest Heartland

Second Harvest Heartland fights hunger through community partnerships with programs in food banking, child hunger, culinary training, and advocacy targeted to the region's most vulnerable children, singles, families, and seniors. They distribute nearly 30 million pounds of grocery products annually to food shelves serving more than 125,772 individuals in 2002. To create operating efficiencies, Second Harvest renovated their warehouse to consolidate offices, install new shelving, purchase additional equipment, and bring the warehouse up to code.

\$100,000 to help finance renovations to the Food Bank Warehouse located in Maplewood

Partners in Philanthropy

is a publication designed to inform donors about organizations and programs funded by The Saint Paul Foundation. We developed this publication in response to donor interest in what the Foundation is supporting in the community — for their own awareness and to potentially join forces for an even greater impact. We distribute this list of grants, organized by community issues categories, to donors following grant approvals by The Saint Paul Foundation Board of Directors in April, August and November.

Contact Us

If you have questions about these grants, contact **Sally Seiberlich** at 651.325.4237 or sjs@saintpaulfoundation.org or **Donna Dalton** at 651.325.4284 or dmd@saintpaulfoundation.org.

Use the enclosed form or go online to request information on specific grants or Foundation initiatives.

EDUCATION

Leadership Empowerment and Development Group

The mission of the Leadership Empowerment and Development Group (LEAD) is to help African refugees and recent immigrants successfully adapt to their new life in the United States. In 2001, the Executive Directors of 15 African-led organizations in the Twin Cities met and identified needs common to recent immigrants from Cameroon, Oromo/Ethiopia, Somalia, Liberia, Sierra Leon, Nigeria, Eritria, and Sudan. LEAD is requesting Foundation support to deliver a structured two-year leadership and organizational training program for this group of African-led nonprofits.

\$25,000 to help finance the African Leadership: Many Voices-Shared Vision Program

Macalester College

Macalester College is hosting a three-day conference in June, 2004 entitled *Somalis in Minnesota: The Challenges of Adaptation* to serve as a forum that brings together members of the Somali community, representatives of organizations and offices addressing Somali immigration issues, and delegates from other countries with sizable Somali populations.

\$20,000 to help finance the *Somalis in Minnesota: The Challenges of Adaptation* Conference



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