

Partners in Philanthropy

This issue of **Partners in Philanthropy** gives an overview of grants approved from The Saint Paul Foundation's unrestricted endowment fund at its April 2003 Board of Directors 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 request more information on any organizations or projects that may be of interest or to recommend a grant. Thank you for the opportunity to share this grants publication with you.

EDUCATION

East Side Learning Center

East Side Learning Center offers one-on-one tutoring administered by the School Sisters of Notre Dame for low-income children in kindergarten through fourth grade at two East Side sites. Three sisters and 60 trained volunteers provide tutoring that is having a dramatic effect on student gains in reading test scores. Like most grassroots service providers, the Learning Center will need to focus on identifying sources of sustainable revenue to continue operations.

Grant Amount: \$25,000 to help finance fundraising counsel and a matching grant incentive to donors

International Institute of Minnesota

International Institute of Minnesota (IIM) is a major resettlement agency in Minnesota, sponsoring more than 15,000 refugees since 1975. IIM's Medical Career Advancement Program provides language and skills training, academic support and tuition assistance to help new Americans move from entry level into advanced medical positions.

Grant Amount: \$50,000 for the Medical Career Advancement Program

American Oromo Community of Minnesota

American Oromo Community of Minnesota serves people who originated in Oromia, the largest regional state within Ethiopia. Once a separate nation, Oromia and its people continue to seek independence. Approximately 11,000 Oromo people live in the Twin Cities area. The organization is planning to expand its English Language Assistance Program from 30 students to 60.

Grant Amount: \$15,000 to help finance the English Language Assistance Program

Admission Possible

Admission Possible (AP) makes college admission possible for talented, motivated and economically disadvantaged students by providing college entrance test (SAT/ACT) preparation, admission application support and financial aid consulting. Student outcomes are very good. AP must diversify its funding base if it is to remain financially viable.

Grant Amount: \$25,000 as a challenge grant for new and increased contributions

HOUSING

Two Rivers Community Land Trust

Two Rivers Community Land Trust is a community-based program in Washington County to develop new housing units, rehabilitate existing units and provide permanent housing affordability using the land trust model. This grant will help finance the second year of their operating budget as they work to create organizational sustainability.

Grant Amount: \$35,000 in start-up support

Minnesota Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now

Minnesota Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) has conducted extensive research on affordable housing and recently released two studies on racial and economic disparities present in the Twin Cities mortgage market. These studies indicate a rise in the incidence of abusive lending practices, with a disproportionate impact on communities of color, elderly homeowners and low income neighborhoods.

Grant Amount: \$50,000 to help finance education activities, direct assistance and counseling for families affected by predatory lending practices

Rondo Community Land Trust

Rondo Community Land Trust uses the community land trust model to preserve affordable housing. The Homebuyer Initiated Program will assist homebuyers to purchase and fix up houses of their choice. Participating households will receive an average of \$20,000 in purchase price write-downs and grants of up to \$25,000 to ensure that the homes are structurally and mechanically sound. This grant will help 10 low- to moderate-income families purchase homes in 2003.

Grant Amount: \$20,000 to help finance the Homebuyer Initiated Program



ARTS • HUMANITIES • CULTURE

Public Art Saint Paul

Public Art Saint Paul is a public-private initiative to bring communities together with artists to shape public spaces and structures. The organization is requesting support for a Western Park Neighborhood Assessment to improve the neighborhood in a holistic and inclusive way, which incorporates research of neighborhood needs and assets and makes recommendations for neighborhood improvements beyond the need for public art.

Grant Amount: \$15,000 to help finance the Western Park Neighborhood Assessment

Science Museum of Minnesota

Science Museum of Minnesota plans to conduct an audience research project to be used as the basis of a plan to increase attendance by families of color, and to learn how the Museum can be more relevant to this targeted group. The Museum's Diversity Task Force will use the final report to develop an audience diversity action plan.

Grant Amount: \$22,500 to help finance the Diversity Research Project

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is a publication designed to inform donors about organizations and programs The Saint Paul Foundation is supporting with grants from its unrestricted endowment fund. 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.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Family Tree Inc.

Family Tree Inc. has operated a Family Planning and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline since 1984 and is building on that success by adding an Emergency Contraception Hotline to provide information about a pill that will not interrupt a pregnancy but will prevent pregnancy from occurring if properly administered. To effectively serve the rapidly increasing population of Hispanic/Latina women in the Twin Cities, Family Tree has determined that hotline staff members need to be bilingual in English and Spanish.

Grant Amount: \$40,000 over two years to help finance bilingual operation of the Emergency Contraception Hotline in the East Metro area

Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter

Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter offers a temporary, culturally based, home-like environment to American Indian homeless and runaway youth. Services include Oyate Nawajin, a program that provides mental health services to Indian youth and their families. Because many of the services needed by youth are not reimbursed by HMOs and other health insurance plans, this grant will help finance Oyate Nawajin while the program works to stabilize and diversify its funding base.

Grant Amount: \$20,000 to help finance expansion of the Oyate Nawajin Mental Health Program

Youth Express

Youth Express serves young people, primarily persons of color, through employment services, a life skills and academic program and community outreach. The organization's Beautiful Intelligent Girls program works with a self-directed group of young women to create opportunities to build their own life skills and serve the community.

Grant Amount: \$15,000 to help finance the Beautiful Intelligent Girls program

ADVOCACY

Advocating Change Together (ACT)

Advocating Change Together (ACT) is a grassroots, member-controlled advocacy organization run by and for persons with developmental and other disabilities. ACT uses videos and a print curriculum to educate people with disabilities about self-advocacy and to generate revenue for its operations.

Grant Amount: \$20,000 to create print and video training materials



FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

Words Work!

Words Work! is an innovative literacy program that gives preschool children the tools they need to succeed in school and life. Words Work! uses a unique approach to literacy by combining classroom work with students, customized training for teachers and literacy house calls that extend learning to the entire family.

Grant Amount: \$250,000 to help finance the operating budget of Words Work!

Credit Sense

The Credit Sense project is examining marketing practices used by the credit card industry as well as patterns of consumer credit use. Research is focused on industry practices, public awareness, education and federal legislation to determine if modified industry practices can be effective in helping consumers while also benefiting the credit industry, without too great a cost to the card issuer.

Grant Amount: \$40,000 over two years to help finance the Credit Sense project

COMMUNITY • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

East Side Neighborhood Development Company

East Side Neighborhood Development Company operates the Phalen Corridor Initiative, a community partnership established in 1994 committed to restoring the economic, social and physical prosperity of St. Paul's East Side with a focus on industrial development and jobs. By redeveloping polluted industrial land in an underused rail corridor, the collaborative hopes to ignite economic development in the surrounding area.

Grant Amount: \$165,000 over three years for the Phalen Corridor Initiative

Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries (GWI) provides employment services and skills training to people with disadvantages and/or disabilities, earning 80 percent of their \$21.1 million budget through operation of 14 thrift stores. Displaced by highway expansion, GWI moved its headquarters and flagship store to a new location. This pledge will help GWI meet the terms of a \$500,000 challenge grant to complete the capital campaign.

Pledge Amount: Up to \$150,000 to meet the terms of Kresge Foundation Challenge

African Assistance Program

African Assistance Program was established in 2000 to help African immigrants and refugees achieve economic security as they resettle in the United States. The organization provides advocacy, educational and economic programs targeted to more than 20,000 African immigrants and refugees in Minnesota. The Job Development Program helps participants develop job skills, understand basic workers' rights and match their skills to the needs of local employers.

Grant Amount: \$20,000 to help finance the Job Development Program

West Side Citizens Organization

West Side Citizens Organization (WSCO) was created in 1973 as a neighborhood-based organization to empower West Side residents to participate in and advocate for solutions to neighborhood issues. The West Side is rapidly changing with new residential and commercial development. This grant supports activity by WSCO to ensure that the voice of West Side residents is heard with regard to riverfront development.

Grant Amount: \$40,000 over two years to help finance Riverfront Planning and Development Activities

National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Trust for Historic Preservation was chartered by Congress in 1949 to provide leadership, education and advocacy to save U.S. historic places and revitalize its communities. The City of Saint Paul was chosen to host the 2007 National Preservation Conference, which will bring 2,500 participants from throughout the country to see St. Paul's historic character and offer expert advice about Saint Paul's urban design.

Grant Amount: \$60,000 to help finance the 2007 National Preservation Conference

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 to request information on specific grants or Foundation initiatives.



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PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY INFORMATION FORM

Please provide me with more information about the following grants, including total project costs, other funders, etc.:

- Minnesota Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)
- Admission Possible
- Advocating Change Together
- African Assistance Program
- Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter
- American Oromo Community of Minnesota
- East Side Learning Center
- East Side Neighborhood Development Company
- Family Tree Inc.
- Goodwill Industries
- International Institute of Minnesota
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Public Art Saint Paul
- Rondo Community Land Trust
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Two Rivers Community Land Trust
- West Side Citizens Organization
- Youth Express

I am interested in information about the following Foundation projects/programs:

- Community Sharing Fund
- Credit Sense
- Diversity Endowment Funds
- Management Improvement Fund
- Racism Assessment
- Words Work!

I am interested in information about Connections Grantmaking Outcomes:

- Creating an anti-racist community.
- Economic development for all segments of the East Metro area.
- Strong families that provide healthy beginnings for children and youth.
- Quality education for all.

I am interested in recommending a grant to a Foundation project or program.

- Please contact me.

Fund Information

Name of Fund Advisor: _____

Fund Name: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

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Fax this form to the Foundation at 651.224.9502 or mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

Thank You!

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