

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 2004 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.

ENVIRONMENT

Friends of the Mississippi River

Friends of the Mississippi River was founded in 1993 to protect and improve the Twin Cities stretch of the Mississippi River. The passage of the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Program referendum in 2002 presented a unique and timely opportunity to protect and restore key natural areas and open spaces in Dakota County for private and public use. The referendum is limited to ten years, making immediate landowner outreach critical to the success of restoration efforts. The Landowner Education and Outreach Project will assist landowners in accessing referendum funds for land protection.

\$20,000 to help finance the Landowner Education and Outreach Project in Dakota County

Great River Greening

Great River Greening's mission is to restore valuable and endangered natural areas and open spaces by engaging individuals and communities. During their five years as a special project of The Saint Paul Foundation, Greening volunteers planted 31,000 trees and shrubs and 25,000 native wildflowers in partnership with organizations throughout the community. Great River Greening's River Steward program is charged with maintaining the ecological restoration of downtown Saint Paul's Mississippi River Valley and 118 public and private properties.

\$23,625 to help finance the River Steward 2004 program budget

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Casa de Esperanza

In 2002, Casa de Esperanza launched Congregational Response Teams in three Latino congregations in Saint Paul. The program utilizes volunteers from the faith communities to provide education, information, and resources to couples experiencing domestic abuse. Casa developed procedures and a training manual and provided higher-level legal advocacy as needed. The program has been renamed Movimiento Esperanza and is expanding into Dakota County to serve the rapidly growing Latino population. Movimiento Esperanza reflects Latino cultural values by viewing individuals in the context of the entire family and by recognizing the influential role of spiritual leaders and esteemed community members on couples' attitudes and behaviors.

\$50,000 to help finance Movimiento Esperanza

Dakota County Human Services

The mission of Dakota County Human Services is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Dakota County by providing resources to meet basic human needs, assuring protection for vulnerable individuals, and assisting in achieving self-sufficiency in the most cost-effective manner. Dakota County Human Services serves approximately 86,000 people annually including children, families, seniors, and individuals coping with mental illness, chemical dependency, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, and low incomes. This grant will provide funding to redesign the department's waived services system, which provides support and assistance to individuals to prevent out-of-home placement or institutionalization.

\$33,500 for the Framework for Waivered Services Initiative

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearth Connection

Hearth Connection serves homeless individuals and families through a layered service and system intervention model, bringing together a primary provider, support teams, and supportive housing resources into an integrated service plan. This is a pilot program, scheduled to run through 2007, with annual evaluations by the National Center of Family Homelessness. The program serves those who are most difficult to serve; length of homelessness ranges from two – five years, most participants average at least two serious physical health conditions, and 82 percent suffer from depression. More than half have been victims of violence, and the majority of participants have witnessed the violent death of a friend or family member. If Hearth Connection can stabilize these individuals and families and document the process and cost, the likelihood of long-term system change in serving these populations is possible.

\$140,000 for Phase II of the Pilot Project

Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research

Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research (HACER) conducts community-driven research on issues and concerns affecting the Chicano/Latino community; promotes advocacy and public policy changes; and builds the capacity of Latino organizations through research and education. Research priorities include housing, education, healthcare, economic vitality, and immigration. The Drivers Licenses for Undocumented Workers Research Project will conduct quantitative and qualitative research that will help document the benefits of providing drivers licenses to undocumented workers.

\$20,000 to help finance the Drivers Licenses for Undocumented Workers Research Project

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers

The Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers is a partnership of community-based social service organizations throughout the Twin Cities that grew out of the Settlement House tradition. Members of the Alliance play a critical role in creating partnerships that strengthen civic engagement, influence public policy, and provide services for low-income people in the areas of basic needs, housing, healthcare, education, and employment. This grant provides funding for the Alliance to develop a four-stage strategy to establish a centralized management services office that will create a single backroom operation for all the partners.

\$18,750 to help finance the budget for Completing and Implementing a Business Plan

Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging is to help elders age successfully by building community capacity, advocating for aging issues, maximizing service effectiveness, and linking people with information. The agency's multi-year demonstration project, the Serving Elders in Diverse Communities Initiative, will assist minority and immigrant service agencies in building capacity to address current and future needs of frail elders through home and community-based culturally specific services.

\$25,000 in start-up support for the Serving Elders in Diverse Communities Initiative

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Metropolitan State University Foundation

Metropolitan State University and HealthPartners Institute for Medical Education have formed a partnership to integrate clinical learning into the improvement of patient care without risk to patients. This partnership created the Simulation Center for Patient Safety, a training space where students and professionals in the health sciences will use virtual reality, computer enhanced models, and simulated clinical facilities to develop their patient care and teamwork skills. The center's training opportunities will be available to master- and bachelor-level nursing students; HealthPartners physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners; residents; emergency room personnel; and nursing and allied students from other academic institutions. The center will also provide an opportunity for clinicians to achieve needed multicultural competency by utilizing volunteer patients from diverse communities to role-play and help develop curriculum.

\$100,000 for the Simulation Center for Patient Safety

Metrowide Engagement on Shelter and Housing

Metrowide Engagement on Shelter and Housing was founded in 2000 to address issues of housing and homelessness in the Metro area. The organization works to coordinate the provision of services at the county level and assist counties in addressing community-specific issues. Metrowide Engagement on Shelter and Housing is a partnership of more than 61 nonprofits, government agencies, elected officials, and affordable housing service providers in the seven-county Metro area. Because of the strength of their leadership and the composition of members, they are in a unique position to facilitate a regional approach to planning for the homeless.

\$15,000 to help develop a coordinated system for responding to the needs of the homeless in the East Metro

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

The Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights promotes and supports the protection of internationally recognized human rights. In March 2003, they began the Battered Refugee and Immigrant Women Documentation Project to change how the legal and shelter systems work with battered immigrant and refugee women and their children. To date, teams of volunteer attorneys have completed interviews with 120 individuals (battered immigrant women, judges, prosecutors, police officers, doctors, nurses, advocates, clergy, and community organizers) and have begun to articulate their findings and recommendations in a report scheduled for completion in 2004. This grant will help finance the education and awareness phase of the project.

\$40,000 for the Battered Refugee and Immigrant Women Documentation Project

Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

The mission of the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention is to strengthen policies and programming for adolescent pregnancy prevention and parenting in Minnesota. The organization provides leadership, information, and technical assistance to the people who work directly with teens to prevent teen pregnancy and to ensure positive outcomes for teen parents and their children. The organization's Latino Youth Outreach Project aims to increase awareness and discussion of issues related to Latino teen pregnancy in Minnesota, and to increase implementation of culturally-appropriate programs. This grant will provide funding for expansion of the Latino Youth Outreach Project in the East Metro.

\$10,000 to help finance expansion of the Latino Youth Outreach Project

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services in Minnesota

The founder of Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services in Minnesota came to the United States from Ethiopia as a student in 1986 and within a few years began assisting African immigrants to obtain social services. Since that time, an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 African refugees and immigrants have been assisted on a volunteer basis by the founder and other concerned individuals. The organization has been operating with unpaid staff out of a private residence and two churches for the past four years. During that time there has been an increase in the rate of HIV/AIDS infection among the African immigrant population, creating a greater need for culturally and linguistically appropriate services. This grant will help the agency meet the needs of the community by establishing an office and hiring support staff.

\$20,000 to help establish an office in Saint Paul and hire an office support staff person

CIVIC

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library

Created in 1945 to stimulate interest in and use of the Saint Paul Public Library, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library raises private support and advocates for public funding of the library system. This grant will support the Friends' efforts to create a family-oriented materials collection and open a homework center in the new Dayton's Bluff Branch Library. The library is a unique collaboration between Metropolitan State University, the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, and the Saint Paul Public Library; this partnership will bring information resources to the students and faculty of Metropolitan State University and to the residents of the East Side.

\$100,000 to help finance the operating budget of the Homework Center and for the Public Library Collection

CIVIC

Grand Excursion

The 150th anniversary of the original Grand Excursion, Millard Fillmore's journey up the Mississippi River, will culminate in a once-in-a-lifetime event called the Grand Flotilla, the largest collection of steamboats, paddle wheelers, spectator vessels, and other boats ever gathered at one time on the Mississippi River. It departs the Quad Cities of Illinois on June 26, 2004 and arrives in the Twin Cities for the Fourth of July weekend. This is a multi-state collaborative project that has brought together 55 upper-Mississippi River communities and 24 regional organizations to reclaim the Mississippi River as a treasured natural asset and significant source of local pride.

\$200,000 to help complete fundraising for Grand Excursion 2004

Tri-Council Coordinating Commission

Established in 1995, the Tri-Council Coordinating Commission is a joint venture of the Greater Minneapolis, Saint Paul Area, and Minnesota Council of Churches to strengthen the capacity of institutions to work together for racial justice. Through its Minnesota Collaborative Anti-Racism Initiative, the commission builds awareness of individual, institutional, and cultural racism; provides tools and guidance to empower a client organization to transform itself and its environment; and offers advanced training to support institutions and community organizations.

\$70,000 over two years to help finance the Minnesota Collaborative Anti-Racism Initiative

ARTS AND CULTURE

The Dale Warland Singers

The Dale Warland Singers is a 40-voice paid professional chorale based in Saint Paul with a mission to “enrich, inspire and entertain its audiences through world-class performance of important acappella choral music, while fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of recent choral music repertoire.” Dale Warland retired as music director and conductor of The Dale Warland Singers at the conclusion of the '03-'04 concert season, and the organization is closing its doors and creating a permanent home for its valuable choral music library. The University of Cincinnati will be the repository for The Dale Warland Singers' collection and will ensure that the music library is catalogued and housed properly. This grant will support the effort to properly transfer the library and close the organization.

\$30,000 to support Legacy Activities

East Side Arts Council

East Side Arts Council uses the arts as a tool for neighborhood revitalization and has grown from a small group of neighborhood activists to a mainstream arts organization on the East Side of Saint Paul. Through its current partnerships with schools and with community input, East Side Arts Council is creating Belonging Circles, an after-school program that aims to promote intercultural respect and understanding for youth in grades four through six. This grant will help develop curriculum that uses the arts as a tool to help children identify and resist racism and build cross-cultural appreciation.

\$15,000 to help finance development of curriculum for the Belonging Circles project

ARTS AND CULTURE

Historic St. Paul Corporation

Historic St. Paul Corporation was founded in 1998 to help strengthen Saint Paul's neighborhoods by celebrating and restoring historic homes, business districts, and landmarks. The organization's most significant achievement has been bringing \$1.7 million to Saint Paul through the Preservation Development Initiative sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. A comprehensive assessment report was completed in 2003 that provides a framework for investment of the financial resources that the Preservation Development Initiative will bring to Saint Paul, and includes recommendations on public policy, downtown development, neighborhood preservation/conservation, commercial redevelopment, and heritage tourism.

\$40,000 to help implement recommendations from the Preservation Development Initiative

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts is home to the Minnesota Opera, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Schubert Club and the St. Paul Series of the Minnesota Orchestra. Ordway has an annual operating budget of \$15.6 million, a full-time staff of 60, and 180 part-time employees. Ordway management is working to stabilize the organization's financial situation over the long-term through structural changes and the Bridge Fund Campaign, a three-year \$5 million fundraising campaign.

\$100,000 for the Bridge Fund Campaign

FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

Words Work!

A special project of The Saint Paul Foundation, 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, customized training for teachers, and literacy house calls that extend learning to the entire family.

\$245,000 to help finance the operating budget of Words Work!

EDUCATION

The Storefront Group

The Storefront Group provides a variety of supportive services for more than 6,500 children and families in the suburban communities of Dakota County. The organization's Parent Empowerment Project aims to build a link between students and families of color and their schools and communities. According to The Storefront Group, Somali refugees have indicated they struggle to effectively communicate with English-speaking teachers. This grant supports ongoing programs and a new literacy component that will include classes conveniently located close to Somali homes.

\$50,000 to help finance expansion of the Parent Empowerment Program in Dakota County

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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 funds. 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.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

African Assistance Program

The mission of the African Assistance Program is to empower African immigrants and refugees to work against racism, promote diversity, and develop the courage and confidence they need to fulfill their economic potential. In 2003, the organization served 122 people, one-third of whom were from the East Metro. The African Assistance Program's expanded job development project, known as the Economic Self-Sufficiency Program, offers a comprehensive approach to employment and job retention including job development services, micro-business development, and financial literacy.

\$20,000 to help finance expansion of the Economic Self-Sufficiency Program in the East Metro

African Credit Education and Financial Counseling Agency

The African Credit Education and Financial Counseling Agency was formed in 2000 by a group of African immigrant volunteers with expertise in the financial and banking industries. Their volunteer staff provides one-on-one consultation and educational workshops that provide an overview of American financial systems, including: basic banking, interest, mortgage, insurance, and risk management.

\$20,000 in start-up support with an additional \$5,000 offered as a challenge grant

International Institute of Minnesota

International Institute of Minnesota is a major resettlement agency that has sponsored more than 15,000 refugees in Minnesota since 1975. Through its Medical Training Program, the organization has successfully trained almost 800 registered nursing assistants and placed 95% of them in nursing homes and hospitals. However, few of these graduates were able to advance within the medical field, and this lack of career mobility contributed to an acute income disparity, particularly for African immigrants. As a result, the International Institute of Minnesota started the Medical Career Advancement Program to help new Americans move up the medical career ladder. Over the past three years, this program has exceeded expectations. A key facet to its success is the ability to offer tuition assistance, which allows clients to finish training programs more quickly by taking additional courses.

\$50,000 to provide tuition assistance for students in the Medical Career Advancement Program

Neighborhood Development Center

Neighborhood Development Center is a community development corporation that focuses on helping local entrepreneurs create strong businesses and building the capacity of community-based organizations to ignite economic development. The organization supports low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs in 14 economically depressed neighborhoods in Saint Paul and Minneapolis with specialized ethnic entrepreneur training sessions. Neighborhood Development Center is leading an effort to develop the commercial space on the northeast corner of University and Dale and has partnered with Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation and Model Cities of St. Paul to develop 43 units of senior housing and 4,500 square feet of retail and restaurant space.

\$10,000 to help finance the predevelopment budget of the University and Dale Northeast Corner Redevelopment Project

Contact Us

If you have questions about these grants, contact
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Please provide me with more information about the following grants:

- African Assistance Program
- African Credit Education and Financial Counseling Agency
- Casa de Esperanza
- Dakota County Human Services
- The Dale Warland Singers
- East Side Arts Council
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
- Grand Excursion
- Great River Greening
- Hearth Connection
- Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research
- Historic St. Paul Corporation
- International Institute of Minnesota
- Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- Metropolitan State University Foundation
- Metrowide Engagement on Shelter and Housing
- Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
- Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Neighborhood Development Center
- Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
- The Storefront Group
- Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services in Minnesota
- Tri-Council Coordinating Commission
- Words Work!

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

- Community Sharing Fund
- Credit Sense
- SpectrumTrust
- Management Improvement Fund
- Anti-Racism Assessment
- Words Work!

I am interested in information about these grantmaking goals:

- 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.

Thank You!

Feedback

Your input is important to us. Your comments help us shape our programs for donors and ensure that we're providing you with the services you want and need. Please let us know your thoughts about Partners in Philanthropy and mail this form in the enclosed envelope or fax to 651.224.9502. Thank you!

1. Amount of Information

- The amount of information regarding each program/grant is adequate.
- More information should be included. I am interested in knowing more about: _____

Provide a smaller selection of opportunities.

Other: _____

2. Going Forward

- Please continue to provide this information to donors.
- This information is not helpful or interesting to me.

3. Other comments or ideas

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

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