

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 the April and August 2006 Board of Directors meetings. The organizations and programs listed in this publication were reviewed and researched by 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 organizations or projects that may be of interest to you. You can find out more about Partners in Philanthropy on page four.

ANTI-RACISM EFFORTS

Neighborhood House

The For All Youth Anti-Racism Initiative is a collaborative effort of Neighborhood House along with the Blackhawks Youth Soccer Club, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department and the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association. The goal of the partnership is to increase the number of youth soccer players of color to 15 percent and to provide anti-racism training to all players, coaches, referees and board members of the Blackhawks Youth Soccer Club.

\$100,000 to help finance the three-year For All Youth operating budget of \$315,725

ARTS/CULTURE

Asian Pacific Community Center

The Asian Pacific Community Center is engaged in educating and providing Minnesota citizens with opportunities to further understand Asian Pacific communities and their cultures. Its goal is to reach out to all ethnic and cultural groups in the Pan-Asian community with a specific focus on arts, culture and education. This grant supports investment in staff positions to help the organization move toward its vision to create a permanent space for programs.

\$28,750 to help finance the 2006 operating budget of \$108,116

COMPAS, Inc.

The mission of COMPAS is to strengthen people and communities in Minnesota by engaging them in creating art. The three-year Points Forward Campaign will respond to community demand for expansion of programs through demonstration projects and the creation of new earned-income ventures that can secure a stronger financial base for the organization.

\$75,000 to help support the \$1.2 million Points Forward Campaign

ARTS/CULTURE

Intermedia Arts of Minnesota

Intermedia Arts of Minnesota acts as fiscal agent for Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network, a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to “fix the broken immigration system in this country.” The Freedom Network is expanding the Immigrant Youth Civic Program to give students the tools to participate more fully in civic life—developing and empowering young leaders who are actively working to strengthen their communities. The program aims to create a core group of immigrant youth to develop civic values and political skills, while it builds a network of student leaders committed to working for social justice.

\$30,000 to help finance the Immigrant Youth Civic Leadership Program expansion budget of \$95,725

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts is home to the Minnesota Opera, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Schubert Club and the Saint Paul Series of the Minnesota Orchestra. The Center has an annual operating budget of \$15.6 million, 60 full-time and 180 part-time employees. Ordway management is implementing structural changes that are intended to stabilize their financial situation over the long-term.

\$150,000 for the Bridge Fund Campaign

Penumbra Theatre Company

Penumbra Theatre is a professional African American theater company in Saint Paul operating out of the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. Penumbra’s mission is to produce professional productions that depict emotional, relevant and valuable experiences from an African American perspective. Its goals include increasing public awareness of the contributions African Americans have made to the American theater; using theater as a way to portray people of color in a realistic manner; and maintaining and stabilizing a black performing arts community. This grant supports a four-year restructuring project during which Penumbra expects to reduce costs, decrease accumulated debt and increase operating support.

\$100,000 to help finance the four-year restructuring project

ARTS/CULTURE

The Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts

The Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Arts opened in 2005 as a public school with 154 students in grades 9-12. The Conservatory opened the Choral and Instrumental Music Program in 2006. Students enrolled in the music program are required to be engaged in private study with a vocal or instrumental teacher and must actively audition to become part of an outside musical ensemble. The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra will serve as the key partner for the music program, offering use of its rehearsal space and practice rooms for master classes and coaching sessions. This grant supported purchase of instruments and materials for the Choral and Instrumental Music Program.

\$30,000 toward a start-up budget for the music program of \$120,000

CHILD CARE

Child Care Works – Education Division

Child Care Works operates as a broad-based coalition of parents, early childhood professionals, childcare advocates, childcare resource and referral organizations, educators and faith-based communities. The Child Care Mobilization Project is working to expand and intensify Child Care Works’ grassroots organizing, public speaking and media outreach in the East Metro area by identifying, training and supporting volunteer district coordinators for each state senate district.

\$50,000 to help finance the two-year East Metro Child Care Mobilization Project budget of \$137,357

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City of Saint Paul

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Line (LRT) will connect downtown Saint Paul to downtown Minneapolis and subsequently connect to the Hiawatha LRT line between downtown Minneapolis and the Mall of America. Most of the Central Corridor LRT line in Saint Paul will run down the center of University Avenue. Construction will begin in approximately 2010 depending on funding approvals. The scope of the City of Saint Paul Central Corridor Development Framework planning process addresses community development issues such as housing, urban design and sustainable and transit-oriented development.

\$300,000 to help finance the Central Corridor Development Framework budget of \$2.1 million

Community Solutions Fund

Community Solutions Fund is an association of 41 grassroots service agencies, neighborhood groups and advocacy organizations dedicated to addressing community identified problems through progressive social change initiatives. The member organizations share a philosophy of involving members of the community in finding the solutions they need to help themselves. Community Solutions Fund is one of the country's most effective "alternative" federated funds supporting social change agencies. Community Solutions Fund received support to expand capacity and increase technical assistance services to its 41-member organizations.

\$10,000 to help finance the Capacity Building Project budget of \$30,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Empowerment and Development Group

The mission of the Leadership Empowerment and Development Group is to assist refugees and recent immigrants from Africa to 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 common needs of recent African immigrants. Leadership Empowerment and Development requested support to deliver a structured two-year leadership and organizational training program for this group of nonprofits.

\$60,000 to help finance the two-year African Leadership Program: Many Voices-Shared Vision budget of \$251,000

Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation

Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation provides leadership to accomplish the community's goal of reclaiming its relationship with the Mississippi River. A 2004 report by the research firm of Pepin Hugunin documented the steps needed to achieve the vision of the "Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework": 30 acres of new park land; 71 acres of improved park; 2.7 miles of new riverfront trails; 2,059 new downtown and riverfront residents; \$1.8 billion in new investment; and an 83 percent increase in total property market value. This grant will help support the organization as it seeks to diversify its funding sources.

\$285,000 to help finance the Funding Diversification Plan

University of Minnesota Foundation

The Center for Democracy and Citizenship is part of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The Center partnered with 17 West Side neighborhood organizations to begin the All Around the Neighborhood Summer Camp in 2004 for children ages 4-18. This grant supports the nine-week summer camp in 2006 and 2007 and will help to establish the neighborhood camp throughout the year.

\$30,000 to help finance the 2006-2007 All Around the Neighborhood budget of \$97,642

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

University UNITED

The City of Saint Paul is divided into 17 geographic districts, with each district having its own District Council elected by residents of the neighborhood. The District Councils Collaborative of Saint Paul and Minneapolis was formed to help neighborhoods navigate through the complex web of information and planning processes, and ensure that the needs and interests of residents and businesses are fully represented in Central Corridor transit discussions.

\$50,000 to help finance a first-year budget of \$100,000

Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute

Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute emphasizes collaboration among community members, law enforcement and government officials to create solutions to crime. The Somali community has requested that the Institute deliver education and trainings for Somali immigrants over the next two years to develop a peacemaking circle model within the Somali community.

\$20,000 to help finance the Somali Circles of Peace budget of \$95,000

Partners in Philanthropy

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—to build awareness and 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/December.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Community Services

Episcopal Community Services operates the Ready for Success Program in Saint Paul, working with low-income women entering the job market who are referred by training programs and case managers from more than 60 agencies. Women are matched with a volunteer personal shopper, who helps them coordinate appropriate outfits from new or gently-used professional clothing. Episcopal Community Services received support to expand the Ready for Success Program by purchasing a computer and office equipment to create a formal reception area in their small, donated space.

\$17,600 to help finance the Ready for Success Program Expansion budget of \$30,000

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. Their most significant achievement to date is 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.

\$25,000 to help finance the program budget of \$238,705

Rebuild Resources

Rebuild Resources offers short-term employment, vocational counseling and advocacy to people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Rebuild's student-employees live in halfway houses or other sober housing while they work five days a week for 3-6 months. The Foothold Project will allow Rebuild to work with Century College to create a "Transition to Work" curriculum which addresses re-entry after incarceration, explores sobriety issues and equips student-employees with job-seeking and job-keeping skills. Century College will create 3-5 media-based training modules to prepare workers for job-specific tasks and additional modules on general operations including safety and first aid.

\$60,000 to help finance the Foothold Project budget of \$645,213

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

YWCA of St. Paul

YWCA of St. Paul is the lead agency for a broad community partnership to implement the Apprenticeship Opportunity Pilot Project. The Pilot Project strives to bring more women and people of color into the construction trades. The Pilot Project was created as an infrastructure to support existing apprenticeship programs in the Metro area with enhanced systems for outreach, recruitment, partnership building and data collection.

\$50,000 toward a first-year project budget of \$236,000

EDUCATION

Eftin

Eftin was established in 2002 to serve African immigrant families in Dakota County. Eftin, meaning “enlightenment” in the Somali language, was created to address the lack of cultural support and bilingual mental health and education services for immigrant children and their families in suburban communities. The grant supported the addition of paid staff to the Immigrant Student Achieving Program to work with Somali and Liberian students in grades K-7 in Independent School District 191. Program goals are to improve student academic achievement, reduce school suspensions and decrease the dropout rate for Somali youth.

\$25,000 to help finance the Immigrant Student Achieving Program budget of \$80,000

EDUCATION

Hmong American Partnership

Hmong American Partnership provides an extensive array of services to assist Hmong people in achieving their full potential. With a staff of 26 full-time and nine part-time employees, they serve more than 1,500 individuals per year. Funding will help Hmong American Partnership, Hmong Cultural Center and Lao Family Services meet the demand for English language classes for Hmong refugees, many of whom settled in Minnesota when the Wat Tham Krabok Camp closed in 2004. Funding will sustain a .5 class coordinator position at each organization, transportation for Hmong American Partnership students and minimal classroom expenses. The class coordinators provide structure to the project, schedule volunteer teachers, monitor curriculum materials and collect assessment, attendance and evaluation data records.

\$30,000 to Hmong American Partnership to help finance the Hmong Refugee Language Program budget

Hmong Educational Center

Hmong Educational Center was founded in 2000 to respond to a community concern of Hmong literacy. This grant supports the Refugee Youth Survival Skills Program. The goal of the program is to teach survival skills to 105 Hmong youth, ages 10-17 from the Wat Tham Krabok refugee camp in Thailand. The program is designed to help youth adjust to life in America, while maintaining the positive influences of their own culture.

\$17,000 to help finance the Refugee Youth Survival Skills Program operating budget of \$48,000

EDUCATION

Independent School District 196

Independent School District 196 is located in Dakota County and oversees public education for the city of Coates and portions of Apple Valley, Rosemount, Eagan, Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Empire and Vermillion Townships. To increase participation by students of color and low-income students in college preparatory classes, the district plans to offer pre-advance placement courses in its middle schools, while developing and offering the Advancement Via Individual Determination Program (AVID) for 30 students at both Valley Middle School and Apple Valley High School.

\$15,700 to help finance the first-year budget for the AVID Project

Indian Land Tenure Foundation

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation was created in 2001 through a community planning process including Indian landowners, Indian people on and off reservations, Indian land organizations, tribal communities, tribal governments and others connected to Indian land issues. Despite treaty guarantees, the United States passed the General Allotment Act in 1887, resulting in a loss of 90 million acres of Indian land throughout the United States. The mission of the Foundation is to ensure that land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management. This grant supports the Indian Land Tenure K-12 curriculum in the Saint Paul Public Schools to educate Indian and non-Indian children about the importance of land, culture, inheritance rights and sovereignty to Indian people. It also explores the history of land loss and its impact on Indian tribal communities.

\$150,000 over two years to help finance the Indian Land Tenure curriculum budget of \$352,245 for Saint Paul Public Schools

EDUCATION

Inver Hills Community College Foundation

Last year Inver Hills Community College served 9,000 credit students and 2,000 continuing education students. Project Breakthrough is a three-year project designed to dramatically improve outcomes for students who are at greatest risk of dropping out or those who are academically deficient. Through this project, the college will enhance and sustain the Learning Center, which will focus on skill development for students and professional development for faculty as they learn the best techniques for working with at-risk students. Foundation support will be used to hire a program director and a dedicated English Language Learner Advocate, plus provide training and on-line resources for faculty and tutors. The goal is to increase retention and graduation rates for academically- and economically-disadvantaged students by 10 percent.

\$50,000 in support for the first year of a three-year Project Breakthrough budget of \$1.2 million

Saint Paul College Foundation

The Power of YOU is a collaborative effort of Saint Paul College, Metropolitan State University and Minneapolis Community and Technical College. The three campuses are the most diverse college campuses in Minnesota; they have a strong record of serving urban residents, communities of color and other at-risk populations. The Partnership's strategy is to create a system that guarantees up to three years of free tuition for academically qualified graduates of Saint Paul and Minneapolis public high schools.

\$300,000 toward the Power of YOU five-year budget of \$6.4 million

EDUCATION

Saint Paul Public Schools

Saint Paul Public Schools serves more than 42,000 students in grades K-12, with nearly 100 languages and dialects. Children who speak a home language other than English represent 42 percent of students and 37 percent have limited English proficiency. Seventy percent of the district is made up of students of color. The School District received support to help finance short-term transition efforts of the new Superintendent. Funds will be used to help assess and promote the strategic management of educational resources and to formulate a new strategic plan with district and community stakeholders.

\$60,000 toward a Transition Plan budget of \$290,000

Storefront Group

Storefront Group operates the Mosaic Group, a program that builds bridges between suburban students of color, their families, schools and communities. The core goal of this program is to help students of color succeed in school. This grant supports the Parent Empowerment Project designed to work with up to 70 Somali families living in the Dakota Station housing project in Burnsville. The goal of the Parent Empowerment Project is to develop positive communications between the schools and Somali families by providing parent support groups and offering workshops that promote school success, violence prevention and conflict resolution.

\$50,000 to help finance the two-year Parent Empowerment Project budget of \$260,000

EDUCATION

Volunteers of America of Minnesota

Volunteers of America received a second year of support for the Experience Corps-Minnesota project to operate in four Saint Paul schools: Maxfield Magnet, Frost Lake Magnet, Roosevelt Elementary and Higher Ground Academy Charter School. Experience Corps is an AmeriCorps program that places senior citizens in K-3 classrooms to work as one-on-one reading instructors with struggling students. Each senior citizen spends 12-15 hours a week tutoring in the classroom. All senior citizens go through extensive training through the Minnesota Literacy Council and are supported by Volunteer of America site coordinators to ensure student success.

\$15,000 toward the budget of \$72,899

HEALTH

Community Dental Care

Community Dental Care aims to reduce the suffering caused by poor oral health and thus improve the overall health and quality of life for its patients. They have nine full-time and five part-time dentists and 26 full-time and eight part-time auxiliary support personnel. The Oral Health Care and Outreach Education Project will work to address the higher incidence of dental and oral disease among infants and children from families of low socio-economic status, including immigrant populations. It hopes to increase the number of dentists trained and willing to work with patients who have rarely, if ever, had a dental visit.

\$25,000 to help finance the Oral Health Care and Outreach Education Project budget of \$321,237

HEALTH

Guadalupe Alternative Programs

Guadalupe Alternative Programs provides a variety of services and programs through its four areas of focus: Tutoring, extended-day and extended-year enrichment opportunities, mental health services for students and their families and adult bilingual education for Spanish speaking students. Students attending Guadalupe have typically not been well served by mainstream educational institutions, primarily live in West Side neighborhoods and are predominantly Latino. In the past 10 years, Guadalupe has developed the capacity to provide mental health services for adolescents and their families. Guadalupe and the Saint Paul Public School system are partnering to bring Guadalupe's mental health services to students at three education centers.

\$25,000 to help finance the first-year operating budget of \$214,910

Hospice Minnesota

Hospice Minnesota promotes quality care for people who are dying. They also support families by increasing access to hospice care and educating the public about compassionate and competent approaches to end-of-life care. The Opening Doors program was initiated to increase consumer knowledge about end-of-life care resources and hospice care in Hmong and Spanish-speaking communities. It also hopes to build the capacity of hospice organizations to better serve the needs of different cultures.

\$10,000 to help finance the Opening Doors program budget of \$30,000

HEALTH

Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (MOAPP) works to share and advocate for the use of programs and strategies that prevent adolescent pregnancy as well as support adolescent parents. MOAPP is developing a Minnesota Adolescent Parent Network to build capacity and support the work of social service, health and education professionals who work with adolescent parents throughout Minnesota. The goal of the network is to improve life outcomes for adolescent parents by increasing the professional capacity of those who provide programs and services to young parents and their children.

\$20,000 to help finance the Minnesota Adolescent Parent Network operating budget of \$72,280

NAMI-MN

NAMI-MN is the Minnesota chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults affected by serious and persistent mental illness. This grant will support the African American Outreach project to raise awareness of its programs while providing culturally relevant services. Second year support will allow NAMI to continue its targeted outreach activities.

\$19,000 to help finance the African American Outreach project budget of \$65,475

Neighborhood Health Care Network

The Neighborhood Health Care Network provides centralized business and administrative support to 17-member community clinics in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area. The 489-CARE referral service line is a statewide, multi-lingual resource that helps connect people across Minnesota to nearby affordable health care and public insurance programs. This grant will allow service to continue while the network pursues funding from multiple public health departments and the State of Minnesota.

\$34,000 to help finance the 489-CARE referral service line budget

HEALTH

Peta Wakan Tipi

The mission of Peta Wakan Tipi is to promote the social, economic, physical and cultural health of American Indian people through culturally appropriate programming. Dream of Wild Health is a holistic program to promote health in the community by expanding knowledge of and access to healthy indigenous foods and natural medicines. This grant supports expansion of their education program for Saint Paul students.

\$75,000 to help finance a three-year expansion budget of \$863,168

Progressive Individual Resources

Progressive Individual Resources is a community-based African-led social and behavioral health organization. It provides comprehensive, culturally competent behavioral health services to stabilize and improve the functioning level of children and families, decrease a child's threat to self and others, reduce the risk of psychiatric hospitalizations and minimize residential placements. Progressive is expanding the African Immigrant Children Acculturation School Project to conduct assessments of children's needs and staff training.

\$25,000 to help finance the Acculturation project budget of \$66,200

Stairstep Foundation

Stairstep Foundation is committed to the social, educational and spiritual aspects of community building among African Americans. The Musical Beginnings program is working to improve the infant mortality rate of infants born to African American women through the use of doulas and music therapy. Doulas are non-medical professionals trained to understand the physiology of childbirth, as well as the emotional needs of the expectant mother. The goal is to eventually have 3-5 trained doulas in 15-20 congregations, with each involved in at least five childbirths per year.

\$50,000 to help finance the Musical Beginnings start-up budget of \$113,027

HEALTH

West Side Community Health Services

West Side Community Health Services is the largest community clinic organization in Minnesota and offers comprehensive health services and dental care to insured, underinsured and uninsured individuals. Their network includes two primary-care clinics, two dental facilities, two public housing locations, 10 homeless shelters/drop-in centers and 10 adolescent school-based clinics. Due to a number of factors, West Side Community Health Services has experienced financial difficulty. The board and staff have developed a detailed and comprehensive transitional business plan that will strengthen West Side's financial position.

\$50,000 to help finance Transitional Operating expenses of \$1.5 million

HOUSING

CommonBond Communities

In its 30th year of operation, CommonBond Communities has grown to become one of Minnesota's largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing. CommonBond serves more than 6,000 people each year, 1,400 of whom are children and teens. In 2000, CommonBond acquired Skyline Towers, a 24-floor building with 504 units and 1,000 residents, located in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood of Saint Paul. This grant supports funding to continue development of a Resident Association at Skyline Towers.

\$15,000 for the Resident Association at Skyline Towers budget of \$34,812

HUMAN SERVICES

African American Adoption Agency

The African American Adoption Agency is Minnesota's first full-service, nonprofit adoption agency designed to move children of color from foster care or residential treatment programs to permanent families. Its primary focus is finding homes for Minnesota's waiting children by recruiting, training and supporting parents within the African American community. Many of the children are school age and many have been diagnosed with behavioral or mental health issues. This grant supports hiring a full-time recruiter to identify prospective adoptive parents.

\$15,000 to help finance the Capacity Building Project budget of \$123,000

ARC Greater Twin Cities

ARC Great Rivers and ARC Hennepin-Carver serve intellectually- and developmentally-disabled persons and their families in the Metropolitan area. The two organizations merged in January 2006 to reach more people, deliver coordinated services and increase the stability and strength of the organization. Grant support helped address merger issues related to governance, program, communications, operations and resource development.

\$50,000 to help finance the Merger Project budget of \$350,000

Community Action Council

In 2006, Community Action Council surveyed community partners to identify and reduce barriers in their work with immigrant populations. Results from the survey indicated Latino and African populations were the two groups service agencies were working with most frequently. This grant will help launch services into several immigrant populations and increase the knowledge and understanding of Dakota County professionals as they assist immigrant and refugee populations.

\$35,000 to help finance the first year of the New Americans Services program three-year operating budget of \$495,500

HUMAN SERVICES

FamilyMeans

FamilyMeans is a counseling and human service agency based in Stillwater, with sites in Woodbury, Landfall and Hudson, Wisconsin. Approximately 14,000 individuals and families are served annually by FamilyMeans. Through the Caregiver Support Program, FamilyMeans provides respite, support groups, coaching and counseling to individuals who care for persons with disabilities or chronic illness. Over the past four years, the number of caregiver support hours has virtually doubled. FamilyMeans received support to help finance the expanded Caregiver Support Program and fully integrate the increased staff expense into its operating budget.

\$25,000 to help finance the Expanded Caregiver Support Program budget of \$419,552

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center

Founded in 1929 as a settlement agency for African Americans who were denied services from other agencies, the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center is a multi-service agency serving the Summit-University area of Saint Paul. Hallie Q. Brown operates five core programs providing direct services to approximately 10,000 individuals each year. This grant supports building internal capacity in the areas of administrative policies and procedures by establishing up-to-date financial systems and controls, upgrading the organization's information technology and restructuring the administrative function.

\$61,500 to help finance the Capacity Building budget of \$233,410

HUMAN SERVICES

Merrick Community Services

For 98 years, Merrick Community Services has served the East Side of Saint Paul, first as a settlement house and later as a nonprofit provider of human services. A survey of new and long-term residents identified crime as the number one problem on the East Side. Many residents were especially concerned about youth crime, specifically truant teens hanging out in the neighborhoods. Merrick is developing a Middle School Street Youth Worker Program to work with youth who have a history of truancy and are on course to drop out of school. The youth worker will provide services to 100 youth ages 10-15 and their families.

\$25,000 toward the first year of a two-year budget of \$95,000

New Americans Community Services

The goal of New Americans Community Services is for African-born immigrants and refugees to have access to resettlement, employment, education, health care and other social services necessary for them to achieve stable livelihoods and long-term independence. A secondary goal is to educate mainstream Americans about African cultures. New Americans is establishing the African Research Network to bring representatives from African communities, academic scholars and government leaders together to develop and carry out African community-based participatory research.

\$30,000 for the African Research Network budget of \$227,811



HUMAN SERVICES

Northwest Youth and Family Services

Northwest Youth and Family Services is a community-based social service agency in suburban Ramsey County. They provide mental health counseling, employment and training programs for at-risk youth. The Strengthen the Parent-Child Relationship Initiative helps parents and their children, ages 13-17, set behavioral goals and practice behaviors associated with healthy family functioning. The program is designed to intentionally bring youth and parents together to establish meaningful goals for the family.

\$12,500 to help finance the Strengthen the Parent-Child Relationship Initiative budget of \$146,412

OutFront Minnesota Community Services

OutFront Minnesota Community Services is a community-based human rights organization that seeks to guarantee the full and equal participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Minnesotans. OutFront has conducted the justFair campaign for the past four years, bringing a message of fairness and equality to Minnesotans through outreach, education and the media. The next phase of this campaign is to develop a model of region-specific programs that will be piloted in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties. At the end of the grant period, 80 people of faith will have an increased knowledge of GLBT issues through their participation in the People of Faith Roundtables and six new organizations will become justFair Partners.

\$28,500 to help finance the East Metro Pilot of the justFair Campaign budget of \$57,717

HUMAN SERVICES

PACER Center

PACER Center, an 18-member coalition of disability organizations, works to improve and expand opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and young adults with all disabilities. The Tech Connect Initiative is a new project for PACER that increases access to assistive technology by disabled individuals from low-income and underserved communities. The Tech Connect Initiative will work with CommonBond Communities, Guadalupe Alternative Programs, the YWCA of St. Paul and Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis to teach staff about adaptive technology. In addition, people with disabilities who visit the four community organizations can access the computer facilities more independently through the use of assistive technology.

\$20,000 to help finance the Tech Connect Initiative budget of \$60,000

Resource, Inc.

Resource, Inc. received funding to expand its Young Dads program to Saint Paul. The request to expand the program came from several Ramsey County judges who have seen good results from this program. The Young Dads program provides services that assist young fathers with education, affordable housing and employment training plus parenting, financial and conflict resolution skills. The program will work with 60 young fathers and impact more than 120 children.

\$30,000 to help finance the Young Dads program expansion budget of \$165,000

Union Gospel Mission

Union Gospel Mission received support to help finance the reopening of the Ober Community Center in Saint Paul's Frogtown neighborhood, closed since 1990. Through partnerships with Bethel University, area schools and other community agencies, the Ober Center was renovated. The Center will offer tutoring, career development training, visual arts, dance, drama and music instruction.

\$150,000 to help finance the Plan for Excellence: Focus on Frogtown Campaign budget of \$1.4 million

HUMAN SERVICES

Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota

Since 2002, Vietnamese Social Services has provided resettlement services to Somali and East African communities through the services of two Somali staff. In 2004, leaders from the Karen community, who are refugees of Burma, began building a relationship with Vietnamese Social Services. This grant supports funding for a full-time Karen Outreach and Access Specialist to provide social adjustment assistance. The specialist will specifically provide translation and interpreter services, plus assistance in finding employment and transportation. Student support and client advocacy will also be provided to help Karen individuals and families access community resources.

\$20,000 toward the two-year Karen Outreach budget of \$375,274

LEGAL

Centro Legal

Centro Legal provides affordable, quality, bilingual and bicultural legal representation, education and advocacy to under-served and low-income Latino communities of Minnesota. Centro Legal is expanding the Employment Readiness Project, which works to increase employment access in the Latino community. Centro Legal provides an immigration attorney to help clients navigate the complex systems that are necessary to obtain lawful status or an Employment Authorization Document. As a result of the expansion, Centro Legal expects to provide legal services to an additional 80 people each year.

\$75,000 over three years to help finance the expansion for the Employment Readiness Project budget of \$182,845

LEGAL

Children’s Law Center of Minnesota

Children’s Law Center of Minnesota represents foster care children in court and works with the courts, government agencies and social service organizations to change policies and systems that can fail these children. Children’s Law is expanding its representation of legal orphans through the Guardianship Pilot Project in Ramsey County. The project is staffed by a social worker and a Children’s Law attorney.

\$20,000 to help finance the Guardianship Pilot Project budget of \$109,253

Somali Justice Advocacy Center

The Somali Justice Advocacy Center was founded in 2001 to educate the Somali community about its legal rights. The organization has a seven-member board of directors and one half-time executive director. The Somali Justice Advocacy Center serves about 200 Somali families per year with emergency advocacy services, legal education and advocacy to the community. It also educates the mainstream community about Somali legal issues. A strategic plan completed in 2005 identified the need to build staff capacity and develop partnerships with universities and law schools. Those relationships helped secure student interns to staff a legal assistance hotline and serve as legal advocacy assistants.

\$25,000 toward a total budget of \$250,780

State of Minnesota Second Judicial District

The Second Judicial District is located in Ramsey County and one of 10 trial court districts in the State of Minnesota. Established in 2001 with a federal grant from the Office of Justice, the court was Minnesota’s first juvenile drug court. The mission of the court is to reduce juvenile crime and alcohol and drug use by providing intensive judicial supervision, services and therapeutic interventions. The court program consists of three phases, lasting 12-18 months and is centered on weekly court hearings that track each participant’s progress with recovery and probation.

\$25,000 to help finance the Juvenile Substance Abuse Court budget of \$260,274

PARENTING

Minnesota Parenting Association

The Minnesota Parenting Association’s mission is to facilitate dialogue across cultures and generations. It provides leadership training and technical assistance to parents, communities, professionals and institutions. Its primary goal is to network parent leaders and prepare them to create an accountability system for themselves and the institutions they wish to change. This grant supports efforts to reach out to Latino communities using a custom training curriculum in both English and Spanish, entitled “Parents as Civic Leaders/Padres Como Lideres Civicos.”

\$10,000 to help finance the capacity building budget of \$93,560

SENIORS

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches works with 700 congregations to serve people in need throughout the Twin Cities. To help low-income elders live independently in their own homes, Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches is expanding the HandyWorks and Paint-A-Thon programs to the East Side of Saint Paul, Eastern Ramsey County and Washington County. They served 200 seniors in the first year and plan to double those results in two years.

\$25,000 in second-year funding to help finance expansion of the Senior Service Program to the East Metro area

SENIORS

Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging is to help seniors age successfully by building community capacity, advocating for aging issues, maximizing service effectiveness and linking people with information. Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging received support for the Sustaining Minority Elders in Their Communities project, which 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 to help finance the Sustaining Minority Elders in Their Communities project budget of \$258,000

Payne-Phalen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

The Payne-Phalen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program works to meet the needs of elders that live in their own homes on Saint Paul's East Side. The organization provides culturally appropriate medical care and advocacy. It also coordinates medical and social services, transportation, caregiver support and respite, health education and friendly visiting. The organization currently serves 265 elders, ages 65 and older, with the assistance of more than 100 volunteers. They are expanding services to Latino elders on the East Side, including creation of an Adult Day Program for Latinos with memory loss.

\$25,000 to finance the Communities Helping Communities Project budget

Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation

Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation has been operating a resident service program for several years, providing a variety of services for children and youth. This grant supports expansion of a resident services program at Liberty Plaza, a 173-unit rental housing development located in the Summit-University neighborhood of Saint Paul.

\$20,000 to help finance the Resident Services Program budget of \$300,453

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health

Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health is a statewide education and advocacy association that is recognized by professionals and parents as a primary resource for children's mental health issues. The Parent-to-Parent Program works with parents from diverse cultural communities to help their children access services and provides support and encouragement from people within their own community. Children's Mental Health received support to implement culturally specific groups in Dakota and Ramsey counties. Parents from Hmong and African American communities will serve as site coordinators to bring together parents of children with mental health issues.

\$35,000 to help finance the Parent-to-Parent Program expansion operating budget of \$207,787

YWCA of St. Paul

YWCA received support to hire a consultant to develop and launch a community-based fundraising campaign to raise \$900,000 and to strengthen its fund development capacity. The campaign will increase the YWCA's individual donor base and develop strategies to bring back former donors. YWCA will also complete software conversion and enhance donor, accounting and billing software.

\$55,000 to help finance the Capacity Building Initiative budget of \$232,792

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- Creating an anti-racist community.
- Economic development for disadvantaged people and communities.
- Strong families that provide healthy development for children and youth.
- Quality education.

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

- Please contact me.

Fund Information

Fund Advisor: _____

Fund Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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Thank You!

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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.
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3. Other Comments or Ideas

