

# 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 December 2006 and April 2007 board of directors meetings. The organizations and programs listed in this publication were reviewed and researched by program officers with extensive 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 three.

## ARTS/CULTURE

### Minnesota Historical Society

Minnesota Historical Society is creating an exhibit to celebrate the state's 150th birthday on May 11, 2008. The exhibit, "Minnesota 150," will open at the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul in late 2007 and showcase 150 people, places and events originating in Minnesota that have generated significant change within the state and beyond. This grant will be used to complete the design, installation and continued maintenance of three components of the exhibit: the theater area, the library reading area and a Greyhound bus station replica, which features a restored section of a Greyhound bus and celebrates the company's start in Hibbing in 1914.

**\$250,000 to help finance the \$1.6 million "Minnesota 150" exhibit**

### 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 productions 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 an African American performing arts community. This grant will assist Penumbra in becoming more self-sufficient and viable in the Twin Cities theater market.

**\$100,000 to help finance the fourth year of a four-year restructuring project budget of \$1,247,023**

## CIVIC

### Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation operates more than 70 human service programs in Greater Saint Paul and is one of the nation's largest nonprofit research and evaluation groups. The Twin Cities Tomorrow/Metro Trend Watch is a collaborative project that will provide indicators on trends critically important to the success of the Twin Cities region, including housing, health, education and transportation. These indicators will stimulate discussion and action to address and improve these facets of the area.

**\$90,000 over three years toward a three-year Twin Cities Tomorrow/Metro Trend Watch budget of \$900,000**

### Growth & Justice

Growth & Justice is a public policy think tank focused on ideas to make Minnesota's economy more prosperous, fair and environmentally sustainable. Through roundtables and work groups, Growth & Justice brings together experts who agree on the goal, but have different perspectives on how to achieve it. During these meetings, new ideas and policies are developed and shared with decision-makers. Growth & Justice's next campaign—Rethinking Public Education—will bring together a wide spectrum of community stakeholders and leaders to develop a strategic plan for improving educational outcomes from early childhood through post-secondary.

**\$50,000 toward the Rethinking Public Education project budget of \$692,600**

## CIVIC

### Council on Crime and Justice

The Council on Crime and Justice recently completed a five-year research project, the Racial Disparities Initiative, which consisted of 17 studies that examined the causes and consequences of racial disparities throughout Minnesota's criminal justice system. Research from the initiative found that a positive relationship between ex-offenders and their families is a contributing factor to successful re-entry from prison to the community. The Council is conducting a Ramsey County demonstration project to test a support model for children and families impacted by the incarceration of a parent in the Ramsey County correctional system.

**\$75,000 to help finance the 2007 budget of \$200,000 for the Family Strengthening Project**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### East Side Neighborhood Development Company

The mission of the East Side Neighborhood Development Company is to create a prosperous, multiracial neighborhood by generating wealth and opportunities for the people and businesses of the Payne/Phalen Lake neighborhood. The old Swedish Bank Building on Payne Avenue has been vacant since 2002, but is being renovated into an Asset Building Center for newly arrived immigrants and working families. Plans for the building include a community savings center and additional services, including financial education and counseling.

**\$100,000 to help finance a renovation budget of \$2,048,174**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### ISAIAH

ISAIAH is a collaboration of 85 church congregations that have committed themselves to each other in order to build a worldview that prioritizes racial and economic justice. Its core strategies include teaching leadership skills to help prepare community leaders, convening community meetings to provide information and offering education on topics key to achieving a common good. ISAIAH's *Confronting Racism, Building Community* project was designed with cultural partners to move ISAIAH's work forward in authentic ways.

**\$30,000 to help finance a first-year budget of \$90,000 for the Confronting Racism, Building Community project**

### Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits has developed the Nonprofit Leadership Program to help nonprofits create coalitions that link organizational networks and constituents to broader movements that promote social, cultural and policy change. These networking and leadership skills will be developed through a Nonprofit Leadership Institute, a network leaders toolkit and community leader dialogues.

**\$25,000 to help finance the first year of a three-year budget of \$505,145 for the Nonprofit Leadership Program**

## Partners in Philanthropy

is designed to inform donors about organizations and programs The Saint Paul Foundation is supporting with grants from its unrestricted endowment funds. We produce this publication twice a year to respond 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.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries provides an array of community service programs including employment services, medical equipment loans, and targeted programs for disabled farm workers and migrant farm workers with disabilities. Goodwill has been selected by the Joyce Foundation as one of five organizations to participate in a three-year research project on transitional employment as support for men released from prison. The goal of the Transitional Jobs Re-entry Initiative is to provide research-based evidence to inform public policy makers about effective methods for preparing formerly incarcerated men for stable employment to reduce the likelihood of re-arrest.

**\$75,000 for the first year of a two-year project budget of \$1,688,027**

### Historic Saint Paul Corporation

Historic Saint Paul Corporation strengthens Saint Paul's neighborhoods by celebrating and restoring historic homes, business districts and landmarks. Historic Saint Paul will help host the 2007 National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Conference in October of 2007, bringing 2,500 historic preservation professionals to Saint Paul.

**\$25,000 to help finance the 2007 program budget of \$220,659**

### Minnesota Work Incentives Connection

Minnesota Work Incentives Connection works with people with disabilities to help them understand how paid employment will affect benefits including social security, medical assistance, foods stamps, subsidized housing and other government programs. People who are otherwise willing and able to work are discouraged because the impact of employment benefits on their financial situation is unclear. As a result, they often limit work hours and forego promotions.

**\$30,000 to help finance the transition operating and startup budget of \$87,667**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### SPARC

SPARC programs include support for entrepreneurs, small business development, commercial real estate development, home improvement lending and technical assistance. SPARC serves the Hamline-Midway, South Como and North End neighborhoods of Saint Paul. The Comprehensive Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Program provides targeted support to the Rice Street and Snelling Avenue commercial corridors to jumpstart the creation of additional small businesses and property development opportunities.

**\$40,000 to help finance a three-year budget of \$233,420 for the Comprehensive Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Program**

### Twin Cities Religion and Labor Network

Twin Cities Religion and Labor Network began as a loose affiliation of clergy and labor organizers working together to improve the lives of immigrant and low-wage workers in the Twin Cities. Expansion of the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice in Saint Paul will teach low-wage workers about their rights, educate organizations and congregations about the need for living wages, and support campaigns to improve working conditions.

**\$25,000 to help finance the Saint Paul expansion budget of \$41,665**

## EDUCATION

### Admission Possible

Admission Possible makes college admission attainable for talented, motivated and economically disadvantaged students in Minnesota by providing SAT/ACT test preparation, admission application support and financial aid consulting. Admission Possible is in the process of expanding its programs to help reach more students.

**\$30,000 as a matching grant to help finance a program expansion budget of \$1.3 million**

### Century College Foundation

Century College is one of the largest two-year colleges in Minnesota with a student body of 12,000. During the 2006-2007 school year, Century piloted a Tuition-Free Program to serve low-income students who are predominately the first generation in their families to attend college. Each participating student receives financial aid assistance, assessment testing, and educational career planning and support services.

**\$50,000 to help finance the two-year budget of \$357,929 for the Tuition-Free Program**

### Family and Children's Service

Family and Children's Service provides comprehensive services to more than 26,000 people annually. The Family Project Latino Parent Initiative is designed to engage, connect, and support parents and families in promoting the health, safety and success of children in the community. The project will partner with Saint Paul Public Schools and Mounds View Public Schools to adapt the Family and Children's Service facilitator training materials and program design to be linguistically appropriate and culturally competent for Latino parents.

**\$20,000 to help finance an \$119,345 budget for the Family Project Latino Parent Initiative**

## EDUCATION

### Independent School District #196

Independent School District #196, located in Dakota County, oversees public education for all of Coates and portions of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Empire, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Rosemount and Vermillion. 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 and offer the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program for 30 students at both Valley Middle School and Apple Valley High School.

**\$15,700 to help finance the second-year budget of \$127,106 for AVID**

### Montessori Training Center of Minnesota

Montessori Training Center of Minnesota offers a complete course of study for those seeking a fulfilling career as a preschool Montessori teacher. The Center has purchased and is renovating a building on the East Side of Saint Paul. The new building will house the training program, a Montessori program for inner-city preschool children, a charter school for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, a parent education program, an auditorium, and the International Montessori Museum for Research and Development.

**\$150,000 for the capital campaign of \$6.2 million**

## EDUCATION

### Mounds Park Academy

Mounds Park Academy is an independent, nondenominational college preparatory day school serving more than 700 students from throughout the Twin Cities from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. Breakthrough Saint Paul is a two-year program for low-income students that starts at the end of sixth grade. The program has a summer school and school-year component, both of which are tuition-free. High school and college students are also recruited to teach the summer school program as a way to attract students of color to the teaching profession. This grant will be used to assist students in making tangible changes in their education by increasing the number of advance placement and International Baccalaureate courses they take, while encouraging them to prepare for college.

**\$15,000 to help finance the Breakthrough Saint Paul expansion budget of \$212,196**

## ENVIRONMENT

### Green Institute

The ReUse Center of the Green Institute offers an alternative to landfills for thousands of tons of reusable building materials including cupboards, fixtures, appliances, doors, windows and flooring. The Green Institute is in the process of finding an appropriate ReUse Center location to serve the East Metro. After one year, the East Metro ReUse Center is expected to meet all expenses through earned revenue.

**\$50,000 toward East Metro expansion costs of \$337,800**

## HEALTH

### Eastern European Medical Society

Founded by Russian physicians, health professionals and community leaders who immigrated to the United States between 1980 and 2000, the Eastern European Medical Society was created to bring together Minnesota medical providers who are willing and able to provide health services to new Americans from Eastern European countries and all others in need. The Organizational and Program Development Project will determine the health needs of the Eastern European immigrant and refugee population living in Dakota and Ramsey counties by conducting a community needs assessment and developing the infrastructure to provide services to address the identified needs.

**\$25,000 to help finance the Organizational and Program Development Project budget of \$141,900**

### Regions Hospital Foundation

Regions Hospital Foundation is donating fiscal services for the East Metro Psychiatric Medication Access Program, a collaborative comprised of numerous local health care providers. The Medication Access Program is designed to provide for the full cost or co-payments of medication for uninsured and under-insured patients who are in acute crisis or who have serious and persistent mental illness and cannot afford medication.

**\$25,000 to help finance the \$200,000 budget for the Medication Access Program**

## HOUSING

### Accessible Space, Inc.

Accessible Space, Inc. provides affordable housing, supportive living, rehabilitation and property management services to low-income individuals with physical disabilities. Services include assistance with personal care, behavior management, homemaking, independent living skills, day treatment, and residential and outpatient rehabilitation. The organization serves more than 1,800 people annually and provides extended services and referrals to an additional 2,200 people.

**\$35,000 to help finance the Assisted Living Plus Project budget of \$175,000**

### ACORN Housing Corporation, Inc.

The mission of ACORN Housing Corporation is to promote strong inner city neighborhoods and communities by helping low- to moderate-income families attain and maintain home ownership. Between 2000 and 2006, foreclosures in the East Metro increased by 441 percent. After evaluating this trend, ACORN developed an early intervention approach for identifying borrowers who are at risk of defaulting on their loans and assisting them in refinancing these loans with better terms and conditions.

**\$20,000 to help finance the first year of a two-year Foreclosure Prevention Program budget of \$80,000**

### All Parks Alliance for Change

All Parks Alliance for Change is comprised of residents of manufactured home parks. The organization uses grassroots organizing to empower residents to help themselves by providing information to residents about their legal rights and responsibilities. All Parks Alliance for Change identifies and develops sustainable leadership, assists in improving park living conditions, preserves affordable housing, combats discrimination and serves as an information resource for the general public. The Latino Organizing and Resident Park Purchase project is currently working in 11 manufactured home parks that are at risk of closing or are currently facing management problems.

**\$10,000 to help finance the second-year budget of \$63,000 for the Latino Organizing and Resident Park Purchase project**

## HOUSING

### **Bridging, Inc.**

Bridging, Inc. provides free furniture and household goods to families in need. Since 1987, more than 132,000 people have furnished their homes with donated items from Bridging. Clients are referred from more than 140 social services agencies that conduct home visits to determine what household items are needed. Each shopper is led through the warehouse with a trained volunteer to pick out 20 to 25 new and used household items with a thrift shop value of more than \$2,500. Bridging recently opened an additional site in Roseville to serve residents of Ramsey and Washington counties.

**\$75,000 to help finance a three-year startup budget of \$2,451,000**

### **Episcopal Homes Foundation of Minnesota**

In partnership with the City of Saint Paul and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Episcopal Homes Foundation of Minnesota provides housing and services that enhance each resident's quality of life. On its current site, Episcopal Homes is creating an urban continuum-of-care campus with a variety of subsidized and market-rate housing. The campus development will help keep existing residents in their own neighborhoods and help them build their social and financial management skills. This grant will be used to build 50 new units of low-income senior housing at University and Lexington Avenues in Saint Paul.

**\$100,000 to help finance the Carty Heights building budget of \$7,137,000**

## HOUSING

### **Family Housing Fund**

Family Housing Fund is working with 17 nonprofit providers of supportive housing in Minneapolis and Saint Paul to develop two systems that will create long-term changes for neighborhood communities. Most families living in Family Housing Fund's supported housing have very low incomes. As part of the Supportive Housing for Families Initiative, the Asset Management Project will assist housing providers with financial support for property management, maintenance, financial systems, record keeping and organizational management. Additionally, the Healthy Family Network, a collaborative service initiative, will work with providers and residents to address the mental health, chemical health and developmental needs of children and their parents living in supportive housing.

**\$750,000 over three years to help finance the \$6.88 million Supportive Housing for Families Initiative**

### **Local Initiatives Support Corporation**

Local Initiatives Support Corporation assists community development corporations in their efforts to transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy communities. The organization's Fund for Affordable Production supports the creation of new housing and the rehabilitation of rental and owned housing for families or individuals with incomes at or below 50 percent of the area's median income. The organization also manages the Twin Cities Fund for Neighborhood Development, which supports affordable housing development and management, commercial revitalization, economic development and community building.

**\$450,000 over three years toward a three-year project budget of \$4,245,398**

## HOUSING

### New Foundations

New Foundations provides intensive supportive services to women, men and children. In 1998, New Foundations purchased Crestview Apartments on Saint Paul's East Side and formed the Crestview Apartment Partnership with Project for Pride in Living, an organization that focuses on developing and managing housing. In 2005, New Foundations expanded Crestview and added 14 units of housing. Crestview currently has 44 units of supportive housing for homeless individuals and their families.

**\$40,000 to help finance a two-year bridge-funding budget of \$1,556,800**

### Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation

Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation addresses housing needs of low-income families and individuals by making an investment in affordable housing sites. The three agency objectives for all of its sites are: increases in community safety, housing stability and opportunities for family success. The Family Success project is designed to directly stop housing loss, while providing long-term employment and economic support services to help residents in the Ames Lake and Polynesian Village developments raise their household income.

**\$20,000 to help finance a two-year, \$317,063 budget for the Family Success Project**

### Project for Pride in Living

Project for Pride in Living offers comprehensive self-sufficiency services in inner city neighborhoods in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. More than 1,800 people live in the organization's 770 units of affordable housing throughout the Twin Cities, including 140 units in Saint Paul. This grant supports the creation of two positions: a community organizer and a youth worker who will work with residents in the East Metro area.

**\$50,000 for an 18-month, expanded Saint Paul program budget of \$200,000**

## HOUSING

### Vintage Place

Established in 2002 by African American men working in Saint Paul charter schools, Vintage Place operates a group home for inner-city boys and young men ages 10-17 who are in child protective custody, involved in the family/juvenile court system or who have been diagnosed as behaviorally/mentally challenged. Structured programs are provided to residents in a homelike environment to teach values that will help them become well-adjusted, contributing members of society.

**\$18,000 to help finance the \$30,000 Mental Health Program startup budget**

## HUMAN SERVICES

### American Oromo Community of Minnesota

American Oromo Community of Minnesota provides services to empower Oromo people to live successfully in the United States. Oromia was once a separate nation and its people continue to seek independence from Ethiopia. Invasions and persecution have forced most Oromo people to flee their homeland and become nomads throughout Africa. It is estimated that 13,000 Oromo people live in the Twin Cities area. The organization is working with the YWCA of St. Paul to create an organizational mentoring program.

**\$25,000 to help finance the \$26,270 budget of the YWCA of St. Paul Partnership Program**

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation provides more than 70 programs to benefit children, families and older adults at numerous locations. Working with approximately 100 organizations, Wilder is also one of the nation's largest nonprofit research and evaluation groups dedicated to the field of human services. The new Wilder Center will consolidate programs, research and community engagement in one central site.

**\$750,000 to the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation for construction of the Wilder Center**

### Arc Greater Twin Cities

Arc Greater Twin Cities serves people with disabilities and their families in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties. The Sibling Support Project is an effort to expand and customize Arc's Sibshops – four-week educational and support sessions for siblings of children with disabilities. Sibshops are offered to children ages 8-12 and intersperse information and discussion activities with games, activities and special guests.

**\$25,000 to help finance the Sibling Support Project budget of \$120,000**

### Casa de Esperanza

Casa de Esperanza works to mobilize Latino communities to end domestic violence. Thirty-three full- and part-time staff are employed by the organization and more than 80 volunteers provide a total of 3,600 hours each year. To grow family advocacy services consistent with its recent strategic plan, Casa de Esperanza intends to add a second lead advocate to help better serve the community.

**\$50,000 to help finance an expanded budget of \$75,000 for the Family Advocacy Program**

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) provides services related to chemical health, employment, elder wellness and community education for the Latino community. To accommodate an increased demand for its services, the organization built a new facility at the intersection of East Seventh and Arcade Streets that provides the space needed for the organization's growing programs.

**\$100,000 for the \$6.2 million capital campaign**

### Cornerstone Advocacy Service

Cornerstone Advocacy Service provides residential and community programming that includes emergency, transitional and housing resource services for individuals and families, and for agencies that support and counsel people impacted by domestic violence. The Day One Services violence crisis line connects battered women's shelters throughout Minnesota with information about bed space availability and programs.

**\$10,000 for a Day One technology upgrade and expanded budget of \$52,500**

### International Self-Reliance Agency for Women

The International Self-Reliance Agency for Women offers culturally appropriate services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence including a resource bank that provides information to increase self-sufficiency, legal and citizenship services, and holistic services. About 90 percent of the women and families served are from Africa and most live in poverty. The Refugee and Immigrant Empowerment Program helps immigrant and refugee women overcome multiple barriers on the path to self-sufficiency.

**\$15,000 to help finance the \$74,362 budget for the Ramsey County portion of the Refugee and Immigrant Empowerment Program**

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Lifetrack Resources

Lifetrack Resources provides services to people for whom few resources are available. The Families Together program is a year-round, half-day therapeutic preschool program serving children ages 3-5 and their families. The Beginnings Program is an in-home program for children, birth through age three, who have a mental health diagnosis identified by child protection or public health nursing staff.

**\$30,000 to help finance a two-year expanded budget of \$1.5 million for Families Together and Beginnings programs**

### Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights works locally, nationally and internationally on human rights issues impacting children, women, refugees and immigrants. In Phase II of the Battered Refugee and Immigrant Project, the organization will continue to work cooperatively with local, county and state agencies to improve systems practices and policies for providing adequate protection and safety to battered refugee and immigrant women.

**\$40,000 to help finance a Phase II Battered Refugee and Immigrant Project budget of \$108,740**

### 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 and their families in all aspects of society. The East Metro pilot of the “justFair” Campaign hosts trainings in the workplace with groups on issues affecting GLBT workers.

**\$40,000 to help finance a second-year budget of \$89,423**

## HUMAN SERVICES

### Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota offers direct and indirect child abuse and neglect prevention programs for parents, children and other family members, as well as service providers and members of the greater community. This grant will help the organization hire a Latino community coach to provide support and outreach services to the Latino community and provide administrative support to the organization.

**\$10,000 to help finance the \$50,150 budget to hire a Latino community coach to work in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties**

### Tubman Family Alliance

Tubman Family Alliance provides an emergency shelter, support and transitional services for women and children involved in the cycle of domestic abuse. The Holistic Counseling Program was created to promote behavior change in perpetrators. In 2005, Tubman Family Alliance provided more than 111,000 individual services to nearly 30,000 men, women and children. This grant will be used to expand the Holistic Counseling Program to provide counseling services for perpetrators of family violence, helping them identify and change their abusive behavior and develop healthy relationships.

**\$35,000 to help finance an expanded budget of \$106,757 for the Holistic Counseling Program**

### Twin Cities Community Voice Mail

Twin Cities Community Voice Mail provides a link for people who are homeless or may not have phone service, connecting them with opportunities for self-sufficiency through the use of electronic communication. Community Voice Mail assists more than 1,800 people a day who are seeking housing, self-sustaining work, medical care and safety from domestic abuse. With increased numbers of users of this program, expansion of service is key to its existence.

**\$20,000 to help finance an expanded budget of \$60,000**

## LEGAL

### Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project

Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project works to improve the legal system’s response to a battered woman’s needs, offering training and technical assistance for advocates and attorneys, a legal consultation hotline, community legal advocacy and outreach to underserved populations. With increased requests for assistance from Dakota County, the organization plans to increase the number of staff who work to support clients.

**\$14,200 to help finance an expanded budget of \$73,050 in Dakota County**

### Children’s Law Center of Minnesota

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

**\$20,000 to help finance the Guardianship Pilot Project budget of \$142,932**

## NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

### Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy is a national membership organization dedicated to advancing philanthropy for and by Asian communities. Members represent grantmaking institutions and nonprofit organizations. The organization is initiating a National Gender and Equity Campaign to strengthen Asian-led organizations’ ability to address social injustice. The organization will develop a capacity- and infrastructure- building program that will eventually become a permanent asset in the community. This support will enable organizations to better advocate for increased resources and improved representation of Asians in the community.

**\$225,000 to help finance the local three-year budget for the National Gender and Equity Campaign of \$3,415,000**

### Citizens League

The Citizens League facilitates citizens’ role in creating solutions to challenges facing the state of Minnesota. In honor of the state’s 150th anniversary, the Citizens League is initiating MAP 150. MAP 150 will develop new tools and processes to help everyday citizens have a voice in policy-making decisions. This grant supports the educational component of this initiative, which is intended to bring students into the discussion about school reform efforts.

**\$25,000 to help finance the educational component of the MAP 150 budget of \$92,000**

## NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

### FSG Inc.

FSG Inc. established Community Foundation Insights (CFI) in 2006 to strengthen the sustainability and leadership of community foundations by collecting, analyzing, benchmarking, and providing online access to financial and operational data of community foundations nationally. CFI will publish research reports, conduct training and educational sessions for community foundation staff and boards and provide technical assistance to smaller community foundations for a modest fee.

**\$75,000 to help finance a three-year startup budget of \$1.2 million**

### Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers

The Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers is a partnership of community-based social service organizations throughout the Twin Cities. The organization's 21 agencies play a critical role in creating partnerships that strengthen civic engagement, influence public policy and provide services for low-income people in basic needs, housing, healthcare, education and employment. This grant will assist the organization's "Unleashing the Power" campaign, helping East Metro agencies with the cost of purchasing software and hardware, and providing training to increase organizational compatibility with centralized systems.

**\$37,500 to help finance the East Metro portion of the three-year "Unleashing the Power" budget of \$355,319**

## NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

### Metro-wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing

Metro-wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing (MESH) was founded in 2000 to address issues of housing and homelessness in the Twin Cities metro area. With coordinated services and improved communication between providers, many cases of homelessness can be prevented. The objective of the Regional Homeless Coordination Program is to create uniform policies for services and monitor housing production goals across the metro area.

**\$37,500 to help finance the \$63,750 budget of the Regional Homeless Coordination Program**

### Neighborhood House

In January 2006, Neighborhood House moved into its new facility, the Wellstone Center. The agency had planned for programming growth and increased operating costs in its 2006 budget, but was surprised by the increase in clients in many of its major programs. The agency is in the process of developing a new financial plan and is working to provide additional funding to cover the increased costs of operating the new facility and serving increased numbers of program participants.

**\$200,000 to help finance the transitional operating budget of \$500,000 a year for two years**

### Wilderness Inquiry

Wilderness Inquiry provides outdoor educational and recreational experiences for disabled and nondisabled people. This capacity-building grant will help the organization develop a strategic business plan, expand and strengthen the organization's development function, upgrade software to support program activities and fundraising, add an internal operations manager and purchase two 16-passenger vans for program purposes.

**\$25,000 to help finance the \$200,000 budget for the Capacity Building Project**

## SENIORS

### Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program does business as Elderberry Institute and serves as a resource center that assists communities in developing Block Nurse Programs. The organization will continue to support 41 existing programs that advocate for policy change to support the development and funding of home- and community-based organizations that help elders remain in their homes.

**\$32,500 to help finance the \$56,000 budget for the Elder Services Enhancement Project**

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth by engaging and professionally supporting adult volunteers to form long-term relationships with children. The three-year Big Families pilot project will engage entire families in mentoring a child. A significant portion of the pilot will support training development for children from volunteering families about their responsibilities as mentors.

**\$30,000 to help finance the first year of a three-year Big Families Program budget of \$432,000**

### Bolder Options

Bolder Options works to teach at-risk youth, ages 10-14, how to succeed in the midst of life's challenges. The young people represent a spectrum of races and come from low-income households. Many of them have a history of truancy and are at risk of academic failure. Bolder Options is expanding its programming to Saint Paul to work with 40 youth initially and expand to 100 participants by the second year.

**\$40,000 to help finance the first-year Saint Paul expansion budget of \$256,500**

### Community Partners with Youth

Community Partners with Youth offers programs that include free after-school programming for children in grades K-5 at the Polynesian Village, and the Tiger Paws program, which partners children with licensed teachers to improve their reading and math skills. This grant supports an expansion that will enable the organization to hire an additional staff person and serve 15 more youth through the Tiger Paws program.

**\$15,000 to help finance the Tiger Paws program budget of \$68,834**



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Minnesota African Women's Association

Minnesota African Women's Association promotes the health and well-being of African refugee and immigrant women and their families. The organization serves 400 to 500 African women and girls annually through research, education, organizing and community building. Its core program, African Girls' Initiative for Leadership and Empowerment (AGILE), works to affirm African girls' bicultural identity and boost their self-image, creating opportunities to explore new interests, meet new people and develop leadership skills.

**\$15,000 to help finance the \$15,000 East Metro expansion budget for AGILE**

### Saint Paul Youth Services Inc.

Saint Paul Youth Services Inc. does early intervention work with youth and their families in high-risk situations to prevent juvenile involvement in crime and help youth achieve their full potential. To accommodate expanding service needs, the organization purchased and renovated a building on Saint Paul's East Side. As a result of moving into the new space, the agency has been able to consolidate its staff, begin providing on-site tutoring and education courses on parenting strategies for raising teenagers and how to deal with anger in children.

**\$75,000 for the \$1.8 million capital campaign**

### YWCA of St. Paul

The YWCA of St. Paul is participating in a partnership of the "Lovin' the Skin I'm In" Youth Development Initiative with Youth Express and Soultouch Productions. The three collaborating agencies created the partnership to take tangible action in addressing issues facing disadvantaged and disenfranchised girls and young women of color. The initiative explores how skin tone affects African American culture.

**\$25,000 to help finance a project budget of \$80,000 for "Lovin' the Skin I'm In"**

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Youth Express

Youth Express engages young people ages 7-18 to create opportunities, relationships and involvement that improves the lives of its members and the wider Saint Paul community. Youth Express has more than 250 members who live in the Summit University, Lexington-Hamline and Snelling-Hamline neighborhoods. The majority of Youth Express members are youth of color, mostly African American. Youth Express purchased and renovated the old Gopher Plumbing buildings on Selby Avenue. This space will allow Youth Express to consolidate all of its programs, provide an improved area for its employment training programs and increase space for teen programming.

**\$75,000 for the \$814,000 Gaining Ground Capital Campaign**

## Contact Us

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Please use the enclosed form to request information on specific grants or Foundation initiatives.

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Please provide me with more information about the following organizations:

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<input type="checkbox"/> ACORN Housing Corporation, Inc.	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetrack Resources	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Admission Possible	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Living at Home/Block Nurse Program	13
<input type="checkbox"/> All Parks Alliance for Change	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Initiatives Support Corporation	7
<input type="checkbox"/> American Oromo Community of Minnesota	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	2, 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Metro-wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Arc Greater Twin Cities	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy	11	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota African Women’s Association	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project	11	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Big Brothers Big Sisters	13	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Historical Society	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Bolder Options	13	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Work Incentives Connection	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridging, Inc.	7	<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori Training Center of Minnesota	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Casa de Esperanza	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Mounds Park Academy	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Century College Foundation	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood House	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Law Center of Minnesota	11	<input type="checkbox"/> New Foundations	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizens League	11	<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Partners with Youth	13	<input type="checkbox"/> Outfront Minnesota Community Services	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Penumbra Theatre Company	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Cornerstone Advocacy Service	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Council on Crime and Justice	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Project for Pride in Living	8
<input type="checkbox"/> East Side Neighborhood Development Company	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Regions Hospital Foundation	6
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<input type="checkbox"/> Family and Children’s Service	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Tubman Family Alliance	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Housing Fund	7	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin Cities Community Voice Mail	10
<input type="checkbox"/> FSG Inc.	12	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin Cities Religion and Labor Network	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Goodwill Industries	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Place	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Institute	5	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Inquiry	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Growth & Justice	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Express	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Saint Paul Corporation	3	<input type="checkbox"/> YWCA of St. Paul	14
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I am interested in information about these grantmaking goals:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**

**Feedback**

Your input is important to us. Your comments help 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Provide a smaller selection of opportunities.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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