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NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM \$2.7 MILLION IN GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Morristown, New Jersey — Students in New Jersey public schools will benefit from \$2.7 million in grants awarded to 52 organizations by the Trustees of The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The grants were made on behalf of children who face obstacles that limit their access to educational excellence. Many of the grants are to organizations whose missions are to help young people develop as creative and critical thinkers.

Dodge Foundation President and CEO David Grant said, “Whenever we are dealing with big ideas like creativity and sustainability, or pondering what makes for a more livable world, we invariably come back to schools and what happens in them day-to-day. Thus we believe the groups funded in this cycle of grantmaking positively serve not only individual students and teachers in New Jersey but also our society as a whole.”

“The number of groups being funded this year is smaller than in the past, but our main commitment did not change,” added Betsy Michel, Trustee Chair of the Foundation’s Education Committee, “and that is to transform the lives of children who face tremendous obstacles.”

Education Program Director Ross Danis agreed, “We look for the kids who need us most; then we try to make grants that will help them experience the joy of learning, expose them to a universe of opportunity, and prepare them for the challenges of an increasingly complex world. These grants are not about raising test scores; they are about raising children who will be good thinkers and creative contributors to their communities.”

The mission of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation is to support and encourage those educational, cultural, social and environmental values that contribute to making our society more humane and our world more livable. For more information about the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, visit www.grdodge.org or call 973-540-8442.

A complete list of grant recipients and project descriptions follows.

**Academies of Teaching and Learning
Sewell, NJ**
\$40,000
www.southjerseyacademy.com

To support teacher learning communities in southern New Jersey.

**Artists-in-Education Consortium
Princeton, NJ**
\$70,000
www.yanj.org

To support long-term artist residencies in schools throughout New Jersey.

**ArtPRIDE New Jersey Foundation
Bordentown, NJ**
\$65,000
www.artpridenj.com

To support the work of the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership.

**Arts Horizons, Inc.
Englewood, NJ**
\$40,000
www.artshorizons.org

To support the 2009 Artist Teacher Institute.

**Bayshore Discovery Project
Port Norris, NJ**
\$65,000
www.ajmeerwald.org

For general operating support of Bayshore's education programs.

**Big Picture Learning
Providence, RI**
\$50,000
www.bigpicture.org

To support the development of Big Picture Schools in Newark.

**Camden City Garden Club
Camden, NJ**
\$30,000
www.camdenchildrensgarden.org

For horticultural and environmental education programs targeting Camden City youth.

**Center for Effective School Practices
Somerset, NJ**
\$40,000
<http://cesp.rutgers.edu>

For general operating support of the New Jersey Charter School Resource Center.

**Children's Literacy Initiative
Philadelphia, PA**
\$75,000
www.cliontheweb.org

For the Newark Model Classroom partnership with Montclair State University.

**The Cloud Institute for Sustainability
Education
New York, NY**
\$150,000
www.cloudinstitute.org

For New Jersey Learns - a Sustainable Future Leadership Training program.

**College for Every Student
Cornwall, VT**
\$30,000
www.fesnet.org

To support the Scholars Program in the Millville Public Schools.

**Communities in Schools New Jersey
Newark, NJ**
\$75,000
www.cisnj.org

For general operating support of CIS programs in New Jersey.

Eagleton Institute of Politics
New Brunswick, NJ
 \$15,000
www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

For a youth civic engagement program in New Brunswick.

Earthwatch Institute
Maynard, MA
 \$75,000
www.earthwatch.org

For Earthwatch Educator Fellowships for New Jersey teachers.

Education Law Center
Newark, NJ
 \$100,000
www.edlawcenter.org

For general operating support.

Educational Information and Resource Center
Sewell, NJ
 \$115,000
www.eirc.org

To support New Jersey Earth Education programs.

Fairleigh Dickinson University
Teaneck, NJ
 \$40,000
www.fdu.edu

For the 2009 summer Urban Pre-College Program.

Foundation for Educational Administration
Monroe Township, NJ
 \$50,000
www.featraining.org

For support of a series of workshops and a statewide conference on creativity.

Geraldine R. Dodge Visual Arts Initiative
Morristown, NJ
 \$25,000
www.grdodge.org/initiatives/visualarts

For the Visual Arts Initiative supporting New Jersey art teachers.

GlassRoots, Inc.
Newark, NJ
 \$30,000
www.glassroots.org

For general operating support of glass art programs for Newark youth.

Greater Newark Conservancy
Newark, NJ
 \$50,000
www.citybloom.org

For education, community greening and environmental justice programs in Newark.

Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences
New Brunswick, NJ
 \$40,000
www.marine.rutgers.edu

For support of the Marine Activities Resources & Education program.

JCC Thurnauer School of Music
Tenafly, NJ
 \$25,000
www.jccotp.org/thurnauer

For the Music Discovery Partnership program with the Englewood School District.

Jersey Urban Debate League
Newark, NJ
 \$35,000
www.judl.org

For general operating support for school-based urban debate teams.

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, MD
 \$100,000
www.cty.jhu.edu

For the Next Generation Venture Fund program for Newark students.

Link Community School
Newark, NJ
 \$45,000
www.linkschool.org

For general operating support.

Little Kids Rock
Montclair, NJ
 \$30,000
www.littlekidsrock.org

For innovative music education programs in urban schools.

Mason Gross School of the Arts
New Brunswick, NJ
 \$15,000
www.masongross.rutgers.edu

For scholarships for talented, underserved New Jersey high school students.

Metropolitan Opera Guild
New York, NY
 \$50,000
www.metoperafamily.org/guild

For arts education that integrates opera and inquiry-based learning.

Montclair State University
College of Education and Human Services
Montclair, NJ
 \$50,000
www.montclair.edu

For the Dodge Honors Institute for Teaching and Learning at Montclair State University.

New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences
Camden, NJ
 \$15,000
www.njaas.org

For the Community and Urban Science Enrichment program in Camden.

New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association
Trenton, NJ
 \$180,000
www.njcharters.org

For general operating support and the SMARTer Charters member services grant program.

New Jersey SEEDS
Newark, NJ
 \$65,000
www.njseeds.org

For support services provided to SEEDS Scholars entering highly competitive secondary schools.

Newark Boys Chorus School
Newark, NJ
 \$20,000
www.newark-boys-chorus-school.net

For general operating support of Chorus performances.

Newark Symphony Hall
Newark, NJ
 \$15,000
www.newarksymphonyhall.org

For a Summer Performing Arts Academy in Newark.

Paper Mill Playhouse
Millburn, NJ
 \$65,000
www.papermill.org

For the Playhouse's statewide education and outreach programming.

Paterson Education Fund
Paterson, NJ
 \$90,000
www.paterson-education.org

For support of ongoing advocacy efforts.

Pathways to College
Englewood, NJ
 \$50,000
www.pathwaystocollege.org

For continued support of Newark-based programs and expansion to additional underserved regions of New Jersey.

Pocono Environmental Education Center
Dingmans Ferry, PA
 \$25,000
www.peec.org

For the Environment & Ecology Studies program with New Jersey partner schools.

Princeton-Blairstown Center Inc.
Princeton, NJ
 \$40,000
web.princeton.edu/sites/pbcenter

For experiential education support in several urban New Jersey public schools.

Public Interest Projects
New York, NY
 \$40,000
www.publicinterestprojects.org

To support the New Jersey Communities for Public Education Reform program.

Rainforest Alliance
New York, NY
 \$45,000
www.rainforest-alliance.org

For rainforest-based educational programs in Newark's public schools.

Sadie Nash Leadership Project
Brooklyn, NY
 \$15,000
www.sadienash.org

For a leadership training program for young women in Newark.

Student Conservation Association, Inc.
Charlestown, NH
 \$50,000
www.thesca.org

For youth conservation crews in Newark.

Teach for America-Newark
Newark, NJ
 \$90,000
www.teachforamerica.org

For the expansion of Teach for America's program in Newark.

Teachers College, Columbia University
New York, NY
 \$30,000
www.tc.edu/ncrest

For support and documentation of the New Jersey Network of Superintendents.

TEAM Academy Charter School
Newark, NJ
 \$40,000
www.teamacademy.org

To expand artistic and experiential programming for Newark's TEAM Academy charter school students.

Trenton Community Music School
Trenton, NJ
 \$30,000
www.tcmusicschool.com

For the Music for the Very Young program and general operating support.

Trenton Education Dance Institute
Trenton, NJ
 \$15,000

For dance instruction in the Trenton School District.

Unity Charter School
Morristown, NJ
 \$30,000
www.unity-nj.org

For continued support of the Unity Education for Sustainability program.

William Paterson University
Wayne, NJ
 \$10,000
www.wpunj.edu

For the 2009 Summer Jazz Workshop for high school students.

World Learning
Brattleboro, VT
 \$25,000
www.usexperiment.org

To support experiential education travel opportunities for underserved New Jersey teens.

Young Audiences of New Jersey
Princeton, NJ
 \$100,000
www.yanj.org

To underwrite the first year of a "creativity incubator."