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GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 65 GRANTS TOTALING \$3.5 MILLION

(Morristown, NJ) At its recent board meeting, the Trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation approved 65 grants totaling \$3.5 million to arts, education, environment and media nonprofit organizations throughout New Jersey.

“New Jersey’s nonprofit community continues to rise to the challenges of the day, turning inspiration and passion into action to build resilient, sustainable and creative communities throughout our state,” said Dodge President and CEO Chris Daggett.

The Dodge Foundation makes grant decisions three times a year. In addition to this round of grants, there will be announcements in July and December. Highlights of the grants in this round include:

ARTS

The Dodge Foundation funds arts nonprofits which pursue and demonstrate the highest standards of artistic excellence in the performing and visual arts; enhance the cultural health and richness of communities; inspire learning and understanding; and contribute to New Jersey’s creative economy.

Thirty arts grants totaling \$1.35 million include: **George Street Playhouse** (\$75,000), for its mainstage productions and educational touring programs and in celebration of its 40th anniversary; **Montclair Art Museum** (\$75,000) for continued operating support and in celebration of its 100th anniversary; **Carolyn**

Dorfman Dance Company (\$50,000) to support its 2013-2014 touring and residency season; and **Valley Arts** (\$30,000) to support expanded visual and performing arts programs and to attract and serve artists in the Valley Arts District.

EDUCATION

The Dodge Foundation funds Education nonprofits which promote critical and creative thinking for young people and their teachers in New Jersey's high needs districts through district-wide strategic arts education planning and transformational, experiential arts education opportunities. The Foundation also funds organizations which enhance teacher and principal quality with a focus on improving student outcomes.

Fourteen Education grants totaled \$1,073,000, including: **New Jersey Arts Education Partnership** (\$150,000) for their statewide support of statewide arts education efforts, **William Paterson University's College of Education** (\$130,000) for three Creativity Professors-in-Residence to work with teachers, student teachers, and administrators throughout the 2014-15 school year in four Paterson schools; **GlassRoots** (\$45,000) to provide support for glassmaking programs and education to at-risk youth in the greater Newark area; and **Little Kids Rock** (\$75,000) for their modern band pedagogy in Newark and Jersey City, and targeted expansion initiatives in Paterson and Trenton.

ENVIRONMENT

The Dodge Foundation funds non-profit organizations striving to achieve ecosystem resilience and environmentally healthy, sustainable communities in New Jersey.

In this round, 15 grants totaling \$870,000 will support the protection and stewardship of critical watersheds and water resources, and greening of urban communities. The grants include: **Trust for Public Land** (\$125,00) to advance land preservation projects in critical watersheds and implement urban park and playground development; **Student Conservation Association** (\$35,000) for New Jersey-focused park and watershed conservation stewardship programs which enhance, restore, repair and increase accessibility to public lands in New Jersey; and **Cooper's Ferry Partnership** (\$40,000) to advance the Camden SMART Initiative, a replicable model for resident-driven stormwater management and urban green infrastructure.

MEDIA

The Dodge Foundation makes Media grants to nonprofits that provide high-quality, New Jersey-focused news and information across multiple platforms and help foster civic participation in issues of importance to New Jersey.

Two organizations received \$140,000 in this round of grants, including **Montclair State University's NJ News Commons** initiative (\$125,000) which serves as a centralized and virtual resource center for New Jersey's news ecosystem, building strategic alliances with New Jersey media entities, providing on-campus office space, studio facilities, training and student internships, and fostering resource sharing and collaborative reporting opportunities; and **PatersonPress.com** (\$15,000) for its continued investigative coverage within the city of Paterson.

MORRISTOWN, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & PUBLIC POLICY

In the Dodge Foundation's hometown of Morristown, **Grow It Green Morristown** received a grant of \$20,000 for continued support of its operations, which includes its Urban Farm and Early Street Community Garden, as well as its bi-weekly farm stand and fresh produce distribution to local nonprofits and the Morristown High School cafeteria.

Additionally, Dodge made two Technical Assistance grants to: **Lead New Jersey** (\$50,000) for continued support of its leadership program exploring some of New Jersey's most challenging issues; and **Environmental Leadership Program** (\$35,000) to train emerging NJ environmental and social change leaders in the 2014 Eastern Regional Network.

Dodge also made a grant of \$25,000 to the **Council of New Jersey Grantmakers** in continued support of the Newark Philanthropic Liaison which seeks to improve Newark through collaboration between grantmakers and government partners.

MORE INFORMATION ON DODGE'S 2014 GRANTS

The complete listing for this round of grants is attached. Additionally, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation website includes an easy-to-use, searchable grants database, which lists all grants since 2008, including all 2014 grants to date: www.grdodge.org/apply/search-grants/

About the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation was established in 1974 through the foresight and generosity of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, daughter of William and Almira Rockefeller. For nearly 40 years, Dodge has supported leadership,

collaboration and innovation, with a focus on addressing the issues most pressing to New Jersey. Dodge also offers a comprehensive technical assistance program geared towards strengthening the capacity of New Jersey's nonprofit community.

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
ARTS	
American Repertory Ballet (Princeton Ballet Society)	25,000
Bay-Atlantic Symphony	50,000
Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company	50,000
Centenary Stage Company	27,500
Center for Community Arts	15,000
City Without Walls	35,000
Creative New Jersey (Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation)	100,000
Dance-New Jersey	35,000
Discovery Orchestra	30,000
George Street Playhouse	75,000
Lustig Dance Theatre	30,000
Mile Square Theatre	20,000
Monmouth County Arts Council	40,000
Montclair Art Museum	75,000
Morris Museum	50,000
New Jersey Performing Arts Center	75,000
New Jersey Repertory Company	70,000
Nimbus Dance Works	30,000
Paper Mill Playhouse	65,000
Perkins Center for the Arts	50,000

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Peters Valley School of Craft	75,000
Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey	30,000
Printmaking Center of New Jersey	35,000
Roxey Ballet Company	25,000
Symphony in C	50,000
Trilogy: An Opera Company	10,000
Two River Theater Company	50,000
Valley Arts	30,000
Visual Arts Center of New Jersey	20,000
WheatonArts and Cultural Center	75,000
Subtotal for Arts:	1,347,500
EDUCATION	
Appel Farm Arts and Music Center	80,000
Colab Arts	10,000
Educational Information and Resource Center	75,000
GlassRoots	45,000
Little Kids Rock	75,000
Mason Gross School of the Arts (Rutgers University Foundation)	20,000
New City Kids	25,000
New Jersey Arts Education Partnership (Art Pride NJ Foundation)	150,000
New Jersey Youth Theatre (Westfield Young Audiences Cooperative Theatre)	28,000

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Settlement Music School of Philadelphia	10,000
Trenton Education Dance Institute (Children's Home Society of New Jersey)	30,000
William Paterson University/ College of Education	130,000
William Paterson University/ Summer Jazz Program	20,000
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation	375,000
Subtotal for Education:	1,073,000
ENVIRONMENT	
American Rivers	30,000
Bayshore Center at Bivalve (Bayshore Discovery Project)	80,000
Camden City Garden Club	55,000
Cooper's Ferry Partnership	40,000
Greater Newark Conservancy	90,000
Hunterdon Land Trust	55,000
Ironbound Community Corporation	75,000
Manomet, Inc.	35,000
New Jersey Future	150,000
New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team	15,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	20,000
Project PORTS (Rutgers University Foundation)	25,000
Rowan University	40,000
Student Conservation Association	35,000
Trust for Public Land	125,000
Subtotal for Environment:	870,000

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MEDIA	
New Jersey News Commons (Montclair State University)	125,000
Patersonpress.com (The Citizens Campaign)	15,000
Subtotal for Media:	140,000
MORRISTOWN	
Grow it Green Morristown	20,000
Subtotal for Morristown:	20,000
PUBLIC POLICY	
Newark Philanthropic Liaison (Council of New Jersey Grantmakers)	25,000
Subtotal for Public Policy:	25,000
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
The following two grants will come from carry-over 2013 TA funds:	
Environmental Leadership Program	35,000
Lead New Jersey	50,000
Subtotal for Technical Assistance:	85,000
Total Amount Approved:	3,560,500