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GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION BOARD ANNOUNCES 99 GRANTS TOTALING \$3.8 MILLION

(Morristown, NJ) At its recent board meeting, the Trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation approved 99 grants totaling \$3.8 million to nonprofit organizations whose work in the arts, education, environment, and media fields significantly impacts communities throughout the state.

“As we travel around the state, the resiliency and creativity of the nonprofit sector never cease to amaze us,” noted Dodge President and CEO Chris Daggett. “We know that the economy continues and will continue to present challenges and obstacles. Nonprofit organizations are faced with doing more with less, and are emerging with new and improved strategic and long-range plans that address a range of new realities, both financial and programmatic.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GRANTS:

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.

A total of 45 Arts groups received \$1,797,500 in this round of grants, including grants for Dance (\$225,000), Music & Opera (\$175,000), Theatre (\$555,000), Visual Arts (\$440,000) and organizations that help “Connect Community and the Arts” (\$402,500).

New grantees include **10 Hairy Legs**, a new dance company under the artistic leadership of Randy James, and **Newark Public Library**, to support their exhibition of contemporary Newark art and photography in collaboration with local artists and galleries. Additionally, Dodge recognized and congratulated The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey for its 50th Anniversary Season with a grant of \$125,000 for general operating support.

EDUCATION

The Dodge Foundation funds Education nonprofits which promote critical and creative thinking for young people and their teachers in New Jersey’s underserved communities through transformational, experiential arts education opportunities. The Foundation also funds organizations which improve primary and secondary level public education in New Jersey’s underserved districts through the preparation of high quality teachers and school leaders, and the innovative use of assessment to advance student learning.

A total of 22 Education groups received \$710,000 in this round of grants, including new grantees **Camden Repertory Theater**, for arts education programs and youth and community-oriented performances; **Educational Arts Team**, to train teachers to utilize standards-based theatre arts strategies in a research proven language arts curriculum that has demonstrated improvements in academic performance in basic skills; the **Institute of Music for Children**, for support of year-round community youth arts training in Elizabeth, New Jersey; and the **Union City Music Project**, for the launch of an El Sistema program in the Union City school district.

ENVIRONMENT

In this round of grants, a total of 20 nonprofit environment organizations received \$1,045,000 to advance the Dodge Foundation’s overall goal of achieving environmentally healthy, sustainable communities in New Jersey. Funding was awarded to organizations including the **National Parks Conservation Association**, to support a case study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on national parks in New Jersey and the **Raritan Headwaters Association**, for their efforts to protect, preserve and improve water quality and natural resources of the Raritan River. Additionally, the Foundation provided a grant of \$300,000 to Sustainable Jersey; a cornerstone of its environmental grantmaking, this municipal sustainability certification program is the country’s first, and is a national and internationally recognized model for voluntary, citizen-led advancement of local sustainability efforts.

MEDIA

The Dodge Foundation makes Media grants to nonprofits that provide easy access to trustworthy, relevant, and abundant New Jersey-focused news and information and help promote civic participation in issues of importance to New Jersey.

A total of 5 Media groups received \$150,000 in this round of grants, including **NJTV**, for support of an arts reporter to increase the coverage of high-quality, New Jersey-centric arts and culture programming; **Pro Publica**, to support investigative reporting in the public interest and training of local accountability reporting in New Jersey; and **WFMU**, to support research and development for an online, open source media publishing and community engagement tool.

MORRISTOWN & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Two grants totaling \$130,000 were made in the Foundation's hometown of Morristown, New Jersey: Morristown Neighborhood House (\$80,000) and the Town of Morristown's Office of Sustainability (\$50,000).

Grants were also made to Pro Bono Partnership (\$25,000), Leadership Newark (\$15,000) and American Conference on Diversity (\$5,000) to support workshops and services for New Jersey nonprofit organizations, such as legal and financial counseling and crisis management, in order to strengthen the nonprofit sector.

MORE INFORMATION ON DODGE'S 2012 GRANTS

A full listing of the 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 2012 grants to date:

www.grdodge.org/apply/search-grants/

The Dodge Foundation makes grants three times a year. A previous round of 2012 grants was announced in early May. The final round will be announced in December 2012.

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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ARTS

10 Hairy Legs

Highland Park, Middlesex County
\$15,000

For general operating support of this new dance company under the artistic leadership of Randy James.

Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre

www.alboradadance.org
Fords, Middlesex County
\$15,000

For general operating support for Spanish Cultural Arts dance programming.

Aljira

www.aljira.org
Newark, Essex County
\$50,000

To strengthen Aljira's organizational and programmatic capacity, and to restore and grow core programs.

Art Pride New Jersey Foundation

www.artpridenj.com
Burlington, Burlington County
\$65,000

For general operating support to promote the public value of arts and culture in New Jersey.

Arts Council of the Morris Area

www.morrisarts.org
Morristown, Morris County
\$75,000

For general operating support of mission-led programs serving Morris County residents of all ages.

Arts Council of Princeton

www.artscouncilofprinceton.org
Princeton, Mercer County
\$20,000

For general operating support for exhibitions and gallery-related programming.

Artworks

www.artworkstrenton.org
Trenton, Mercer County
\$25,000

For general operating support of visual arts exhibitions and outreach programming for residents of the greater Trenton region.

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, Inc.

www.dreamcatcherrep.org
South Orange, Essex County
\$20,000

For general operating expenses in support of a mainstage season, new play development, youth theatre and education, and outreach to seniors.

Freespace Dance

www.freespacedance.com
Upper Montclair, Essex County
\$15,000

For general operating support of a touring season, creation of new work and educational programming.

Hunterdon Art Museum

www.hunterdonartmuseum.org
Clinton, Hunterdon County
\$50,000

To support exhibition and art education programs.

Luna Stage

www.lunastage.org
West Orange, Essex County
\$45,000

For general operating support to produce the main stage season and community engagement efforts.

Lydia Johnson Dance

www.lydiajohnsondance.org
South Orange, Essex County
\$20,000

For general operating support.

Mayo Performing Arts Center

www.mayoarts.org

Morristown, Morris County

\$40,000

For general operating support of 2012-2013 season of mainstage and educational programs.

McCarter Theatre

www.mccarter.org

Princeton, Mercer County

\$75,000

For general operating support of McCarter Theatre's 2012-2013 theatre season and new play development activities.

Millville Development Corporation

www.glasstownartsdistrict.com

Millville, Cumberland County

\$35,000

To support the revitalization of downtown Millville through the arts and culture.

Monmouth Museum and Cultural Center

www.monmouthmuseum.org

Lincroft, Monmouth County

\$15,000

To support the New Jersey Emerging Artists Series, a series of six annual solo exhibitions and related programming.

Morris Museum

www.morrismuseum.org

Morristown, Morris County

\$50,000

For general operating support of exhibitions, educational programs, and the Bickford Theatre.

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company

www.nainichen.org

Fort Lee, Bergen County

\$50,000

For general operating support.

New Jersey Ballet Company

www.njballet.org

Livingston, Morris County

\$50,000

For general operating support of New Jersey Ballet's artistic and educational activities statewide.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

www.njsymphony.org

Newark, Essex County

\$95,000

For general operating support of the Symphony's 2012-2013 artistic, education and community engagement programs.

New Jersey Theatre Alliance

www.njtheatrealliance.org

West Orange, Essex County

\$65,000

For general operating support of diverse membership programs and services.

New Music USA

www.newmusicusa.org

New York, NY

\$60,000

To support the Live Music for Dance/New Jersey re-grant program.

Newark Arts Council

www.newarkarts.org

Newark, Essex County

\$35,000

For general operating support of the Newark Arts Council's programs and services.

Newark Museum

www.newarkmuseum.org

Newark, Essex County

\$125,000

For general operating support of the Museum's exhibition and education initiatives.

Newark Public Library

www.npl.org
Newark, Essex County
\$10,000

For project support of an exhibition of contemporary Newark art and photography in collaboration with local artists and galleries.

Noyes Museum of Art

www.noyesmuseum.org
Oceanville, Atlantic County
\$50,000

For general operating support to create an accessible environment for the arts in southern New Jersey.

Opera New Jersey

www.opera-nj.org
Princeton, Mercer County
\$40,000

For general operating support of mainstage productions, the Emerging Artists Program, and education and community outreach activities.

Passage Theatre Company

www.passagetheatre.org
Trenton, Mercer County
\$70,000

For general operating support for mainstage programming, PlayLab, community building, and new teen project; For project support of the 4th Annual Arts and Greening Project collaboration with D & R Greenway, held in Trenton and Hopewell parks.

Paul Robeson Galleries of Rutgers

University-Newark Campus
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/artgallery/>
Newark, Essex County
\$10,000

For general operating support of exhibitions and community outreach programming.

Peters Valley Craft Center

www.pvcrafts.org
Layton, Sussex County
\$75,000

For general operating support to promote excellence, and make fine arts and crafts accessible to a greater community.

Premiere Stages

Kean University Foundation
www.keanfoundation.org
Union, Union County
\$15,000
For the Premiere Stages Play Festival.

Princeton Symphony Orchestra

www.princetonsymphony.org
Princeton, Mercer County
\$10,000
For general operating support of artistic and education programming.

Pushcart Players

www.pushcartplayers.org
Verona, Essex County
\$30,000
To support Pushcart Players' general operating expenses in pursuit of their mission to bring original musical theatre and arts education of high quality to young audiences in New Jersey and beyond.

ReVision Theatre

www.ReVisionTheatre.org
Asbury Park, Monmouth County
\$10,000
For general operating support of ReVision Theatre's 2012 season.

Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts

www.rrcarts.com
Millville, Cumberland County
\$25,000
For general operating support of exhibitions and programming designed to engage the community in the arts.

Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts

www.sica.org

Asbury Park, Monmouth County

\$10,000

For general operating support of SICA's 2012 Cultural Enrichment program.

South Jersey Cultural Alliance

www.sjca.net

Pleasantville, Atlantic County

\$25,000

For project support of the Bus Fund that enables students in southern New Jersey to attend cultural programming.

The Growing Stage - The Children's Theatre of New Jersey

www.growingstage.com

Netcong, Morris County

\$45,000

For general operating support to present professional theatre and theatre education to young people and their families throughout New Jersey.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey

www.shakespearenj.org

Madison, Morris County

\$125,000

For general operating support of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's 50th Anniversary Season in 2012.

The Theater Project

www.thetheaterproject.org

Union, Union County

\$15,000

For general operating support of The Theater Project's performances and programs in their new home in Maplewood, NJ.

Two River Theater Company

www.trtc.org

Red Bank, Monmouth

\$50,000

For general operating support of Two River Theater's expanded season, development of new work, education and outreach initiatives.

ValleyArts, Inc.

www.valleyartsdistrict.org

Orange, Essex County

\$20,000

For general operating support of arts and community programming in the Valley Arts District of Orange/West Orange, New Jersey.

Westfield Symphony Orchestra

www.westfieldsymphony.org

Westfield, Union County

\$30,000

For general operating support and the fusion of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra with the New Philharmonic of NJ into a single entity.

Woodbridge Township Arts Council

www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Woodbridge, Middlesex County

\$7,500

To expand Woodbridge's community sustainability program using local artists.

Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers

www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

New Brunswick, Middlesex County

\$15,000

For project support of the exhibition: Art=Text=Art: Works by Contemporary Artists at the Zimmerli Art Museum.

EDUCATION

Arden Theatre Company

www.ardentheatre.org

Philadelphia, PA

\$15,000

For project support of the Arden for All educational outreach program in Camden, NJ.

Artists-in-Education Consortium

www.yanj.org

Princeton, Mercer County

\$55,000

For Artists-in-Education residencies in underserved schools that nurture student creativity and develop teacher skills.

Barat Youth Initiative

www.baratfoundation.org

Newark, Essex County

\$20,000

For general operating support to build capacity and support arts education and community building projects.

Camden Repertory Theater

www.camdenrepertorytheater.com

Camden, Camden County

\$10,000

For arts education programs and youth and community-oriented performances.

Educational Arts Team, Inc.

www.educationalartsteam.org

Jersey City, Hudson County

\$15,000

To train teachers to utilize standards-based theater arts strategies in language-arts curriculum to improve academic performance.

Folger Shakespeare Library

www.folger.edu

Washington, D.C.

\$25,000

For general operating expenses for Folger Teaching Artists in the Schools in four New Jersey High Schools, the Shakespeare Steps Out program in one New Jersey elementary school, Shakesperience: NJ student festivals and the Shakespeare Set Free workshop.

Jazz House Kids, Inc.

www.jazzhousekids.org

West Orange, Essex County

\$25,000

For general operating support of community-based and in-school jazz education and performance programs.

Jersey Urban Debate League

www.judl.org

Newark, Essex County

\$20,000

For Newark's debate and civic discourse training program.

New Jersey Charter Schools Association

www.njcharters.org

Hamilton, Mercer County

\$65,000

For Phase II of the Charter School Arts Education and the establishment of the Arter Charter re-granting fund.

New Jersey Tap Ensemble, Inc.

www.njtap.org

Bloomfield, Essex County

\$20,000

For general operating support of performances, young artist training, and arts education programs.

Newark School of the Arts

www.newarkschoolofthearts.org

Newark, Essex County

\$55,000

To provide sequential instruction and performance/visual arts opportunities in music, dance, drama and visual arts, and a one-time matching grant to support outreach to Newark's neediest students.

Newark Trust for Education

www.newarktrust.org

Newark, Essex County

\$100,000

For general operating support to remove obstacles to school reform through resource alignment, community empowerment, and accountability; For Round II of the Newark Public School Innovative Model Schools Investment Fund.

Paterson Education Fund

www.paterson-education.org

Paterson, Passaic County

\$70,000

For general operating support of community education efforts.

Pocono Environmental Education Center

www.peec.org

Dingmans Ferry, Sussex County

\$15,000

For the Patterns in Nature teacher training program that joins teachers and artists to develop educational strategies to integrate art into STEM education.

Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts

www.rutgerscamdenarts.org

Camden, Camden County

\$40,000

For general operating support of community-based and educational programs provided by Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts.

School of the Garden State Ballet

www.gardenstateballet.org

Newark, Essex County

\$20,000

For scholarship support for Newark students.

Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts, Inc.

www.smapa.org

Montclair, Essex County

\$35,000

For Artist-In-Residence dance education partnerships in ten East Orange elementary schools.

Stevens Institute of Technology

www.stevens.edu

Hoboken, Hudson County

\$30,000

For the STEAM: Integrating Art into STEM teacher training program.

The Institute of Music for Children

www.instituteofmusic.com

Elizabeth, Union County

\$15,000

For support of afterschool, summer and community youth arts training.

Trenton Children's Chorus

www.trentonchildrenschorus.org

Princeton, Mercer County

\$15,000

For general operating support to sustain programming and support growth of the Trenton Children's Chorus.

Trenton Community Music School

www.tcmusicschool.com

Trenton, Mercer County

\$30,000

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

**Union City Music Project
(New York Foundation for the Arts)**

www.nyfa.org

New York

\$15,000

For the launch of the El Sistema Union City Music Project.

ENVIRONMENT

Center for Environmental Transformation

www.camdencenterfortransformation

www.comienzos.org

Camden, Camden County

\$15,000

For general operating support to advance environmental transformation in Camden's Waterfront South neighborhood.

City Green

www.citygreenonline.org

Ringwood, Passaic County

\$45,000

For general operating support for urban farming and greening, environmental education and regional school garden programming.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

www.delawariverkeeper.org

Bristol, Mercer County

\$65,000

For general operating support for education, outreach, and advocacy on behalf of the Delaware River.

Foodshed Alliance

www.FoodshedAlliance.org

Blairstown, Warren County

\$15,000

For general operating support to promote local food, farms and sustainable agricultural practices.

Greensgrow Philadelphia Project

www.greensgrow.org

Philadelphia, PA

\$15,000

To support the creation and operation of a community-based fresh food hub in Camden, New Jersey.

Hunterdon Land Trust

www.hlta.org

Flemington, Hunterdon County

\$50,000

For general operating support for land acquisition, stewardship, and outreach and education programs.

Isles

www.isles.org

Trenton, Mercer County

\$70,000

For urban agriculture and greening programs.

Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Reserve

www.rutgers.edu

Bridgeton, Cumberland County

\$20,000

To support Project PORTS: Promoting Oyster Restoration Through Schools.

Land Conservancy of New Jersey

www.tlc-nj.org

Boonton, Morris County

\$55,000

For general operating support for protection and stewardship of New Jersey's critical watershed lands.

National Parks Conservation Association

www.npca.org

Washington, D.C.

\$20,000

To support a case study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on national parks in the Delaware River Basin to inform research and advocacy efforts.

Nature Conservancy in New Jersey

www.nature.org

Chester, Morris County

\$65,000

For general operating support for efforts to sustain New Jersey's natural systems.

New Jersey Audubon

www.njaudubon.org

Bernardsville, Somerset County

\$10,000

To the New Jersey Keep It Green coalition to build support for sustainable funding for New Jersey's natural, recreational and historic resources.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

www.njconservation.org

Far Hills, Morris County

\$110,000

For general operating support to protect, preserve and restore NJ's natural resources and help shape environmental public policies.

New Jersey Future

www.njfuture.org

Trenton, Mercer County

\$35,000

To advance smart land use and transportation policies and action through the Sustainable Jersey Program.

New Jersey Highlands Coalition

www.njhighlandscoalition.org

Boonton, Morris County

\$40,000

For general operating support to protect northern New Jersey's critical water supply and other significant resources of New Jersey's Highlands region.

North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council

www.northjerseyrcd.org

Clinton, Hunterdon County

\$15,000

For general operating support.

NY/NJ Baykeeper

www.nynjbaykeeper.org

Keyport, Monmouth County

\$65,000

For general operating support to protect, preserve and restore the Hudson-Raritan Estuary.

Raritan Headwaters Association

www.raritanheadwaters.org

Gladstone, Somerset County

\$10,000

For general operating support to protect, preserve and improve water quality and natural resources of the Raritan Basin headwaters region.

Sustainable Jersey

www.sustainablejersey.com

Ewing, Mercer County

\$300,000

For general operating support for the municipal government certification program.

Trout Unlimited

www.tu.org

Arlington, VA

\$25,000

For general operating support for the Musconetcong Home Rivers Initiative.

MEDIA**New Jersey Arts News**

www.njartsnews.org

Summit, Union County

\$20,000

For general operating support.

NJTV: Public Media NJ

www.njtvonline.org

Lawrenceville, Mercer County

\$40,000

For support of an arts reporter to increase the coverage of high-quality, New Jersey-centric arts and culture programming.

Pro Publica

<http://ProPublica.org>

New York, NY

\$25,000

To support investigative reporting in the public interest and the development of local accountability reporting in New Jersey.

WFMU

www.wfmu.org

Jersey City, Hudson County

\$15,000

To support research and development for an online, open source media publishing and community engagement tool.

WNYC Radio

www.wnyc.org

New York, NY

\$50,000

To support WNYC's New Jersey-focused news and culture programming in service to New Jersey listeners.

MORRISTOWN**Morristown Neighborhood House**

www.neighborhood-house.org

Morristown, Morris County

\$80,000

For general operating support.

Town of Morristown

www.TownofMorristown.org

Morristown, Morris County

\$50,000

For general operating support for the Morristown Office of Sustainability.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**American Conference on Diversity**

www.americanconferenceondiversity.org

New Brunswick, Middlesex County

\$5,000

For project support to establish The Board Bank.

Leadership Newark

www.leadershipnewark.org

Newark, Essex County

\$15,000

For general operating support of the two-year public policy fellowship program.

Pro Bono Partnership

www.probonopartnership.org

Parsippany, Morris County

\$25,000

For general operating support to provide free business legal services to New Jersey nonprofit organizations and an assessment of the New Jersey program.