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GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION BOARD ANNOUNCES 57 GRANTS TOTALING \$2.97 MILLION IN FINAL ROUND OF 2013 GRANTMAKING AND GRANTS TOTALING \$11 MILLION FOR 2013

(Morristown, NJ) The Trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation have approved 57 grants totaling \$2.97 million to non-profit organizations throughout the state of New Jersey for the Foundation’s final round of grantmaking in 2013. Including grants for its Technical Assistance Initiative, Poetry Program, Creativity Initiative, and some pilot initiatives for 2014, Dodge made a total of \$11 million in grants this year.

“One year later, we continue to face complex challenges related to Hurricane Sandy recovery – not just for those who live near the shore, but for residents in every corner of the state,” noted Dodge President and CEO Chris Daggett. “We are impressed and proud of the way that New Jersey’s nonprofits have risen to the challenge of imagining a more resilient New Jersey, embracing new collaborations and building more robust communities.” He added, “In 2013, we supported a wide range of Arts, Education, Environment and Media nonprofits, which contributed in their unique ways to improving the quality of life for New Jerseyans.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINAL ROUND OF GRANTS:

ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

Dodge funds environment non-profits which strive to achieve ecosystem resilience and environmentally healthy, sustainable communities in New Jersey; connect people to their natural world; and build an environmental ethic of care and responsibility.

Twenty-three environment grants for a total of \$1,280,000 were made, including new grantees New Jersey Tree Foundation, which engages residents in its urban forestry efforts, particularly in Camden and Newark neighborhoods, and the Newark Office of Sustainability, for pilot green infrastructure and community gardening projects.

Environment Program Director Margaret Waldock noted, “We are fortunate to have capable non-profit organizations committed to environmental protection in the garden state. With financial support from the Dodge Foundation, they can continue their efforts to ensure that New Jersey has clean water and healthy watersheds, access to local and sustainably produced food, and citizens engaged in neighborhood greening and environmental stewardship.”

In 2013, Dodge made 63 Environment grants totaling \$3,205,000.

EDUCATION GRANTS

Dodge’s Education grants support systemic change, focusing on arts education and on school and classroom leadership, primarily in high poverty communities.

Fifteen Education grants totaling \$1,000,000 were made, including a grant to the Foundation for Educational Administration to help school districts develop robust arts education strategies and infuse arts into non-arts subjects for improved student outcomes, and a grant to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation for continued work to redesign pre-service teacher training programs in five competitively selected state universities across the state.

Education Program Director Wendy Liscow emphasized that, “Our education grantmaking recognizes the critical need for high quality school leaders and teachers, especially those who understand that the arts are an important component to improving test scores, stimulating creativity and critical thinking, increasing attendance and graduation rates, and engaging parents in their children’s education. Most importantly, we believe that the arts help prepare New Jersey students for the challenges of the 21st century workplace.”

For the year, Dodge made 62 Education grants totaling \$2,760,000.

ARTS GRANTS

Dodge 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.

Ten Arts grants totaling \$288,000 were made in the final round, including a new grant to the South Orange Performing Arts Center as well as initiatives to support the field of dance, and the intersection of arts and sustainable communities.

“New Jersey’s arts industry continues to produce, present and exhibit some of the very finest theatre, dance, music and art in the country. The Dodge Foundation is proud to partner with so many exceptional arts organizations that are making a real difference in their communities,” said Arts Program Director Laura Packer.

The majority of Arts grants were made earlier in the year. In all, 80 grants totaling \$3,142,000 were made in 2013.

MEDIA GRANTS

In this current round, Dodge made four Media grants totaling \$260,000 to NJ Spotlight, WHYY’s NewsWorks, New Jersey Public Radio, and NJTV. Building on its work over the past two years, Dodge played an active role in 2013 to support expanded access to New Jersey-focused news and information for the state’s residents.

“Hurricane Sandy served as a reminder of the value and need for timely and relevant news and information, as well as strong communication channels within our communities,” noted Director of Media and Communications Molly de Aguiar. “Dodge’s Media grants, therefore, continue to focus on financial stability and organizational capacity for our nonprofit news organizations, as well as a support network, trainings and collaborative reporting opportunities for all of New Jersey’s journalists.”

Dodge made a total of seven media grants for \$565,000 in 2013.

MORRISTOWN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

In the Dodge Foundation’s hometown of Morristown, the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center received a grant of \$30,000 for continued support of their programs to feed and provide social and medical services to those in need.

Two grants were made to the Community Foundation of South Jersey (\$50,000) to support and strengthen philanthropic investments in south Jersey, and to the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (\$10,000) for organizational capacity building efforts.

Additionally, the Dodge Trustees approved \$52,000 for two Technical Assistance pilot projects in 2014.

MORE INFORMATION ON DODGE'S 2013 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 2013 grants: www.grdodge.org/apply/search-grants/

The Dodge Foundation makes grants three times a year.

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. Visit us on the web at www.grdodge.org.

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
<u>ARTS</u>	
Art Pride New Jersey	65,000
Center for Contemporary Art	20,000
Community Supported Arts Initiative	25,000
Crossroads Theatre	40,000
Dodge Dance Initiative	20,000
Dodge Fund for the Arts & Sustainable Communities	48,000
New Jersey State Council on the Arts (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey)	25,000
Paul Robeson Galleries of Rutgers University-Newark Campus (Rutgers University Foundation)	10,000
South Orange Performing Arts Center	25,000
State of the Arts (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey)	10,000
Subtotal for Arts:	288,000
<u>EDUCATION</u>	
Education Law Center	75,000
Field Trip Bus Fund	50,000
Foundation for Educational Administration	100,000
Geraldine R. Dodge Arts Education Impact Research Fund	35,000
Judith G. Wharton Music Center	35,000
Liberty Science Center	10,000
Metropolitan Opera Guild	35,000
National Wildlife Federation	50,000
Newark Boys Chorus School	30,000
Pathways to College (Ophelia J. Berry Fund)	30,000
Pocono Environmental Education Center	15,000

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Rutgers Future Scholars (Rutgers University Foundation)	50,000
Sister Cities Girlchoir/ Opus Nine Ensemble (NY Foundation for the Arts)	25,000
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation	375,000
Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania	85,000
Subtotal for Education:	1,000,000

ENVIRONMENT

American Littoral Society	75,000
Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions	90,000
Clean Ocean Action	60,000
Clean Water Fund	60,000
Common Market Philadelphia	15,000
D & R Greenway Land Trust	75,000
East Coast Greenway Alliance	20,000
Eastern Environmental Law Center	75,000
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Land and Water Fund	75,000
GreenFaith	40,000
Hackensack Riverkeeper	70,000
Natural Lands Trust	35,000
Natural Resources Defense Council	25,000
New Jersey Audubon	65,000
New Jersey Tree Foundation	15,000
Newark Office of Sustainability (Brick City Development Corporation)	30,000
Northeast Organic Farming Association	40,000
Open Space Institute	30,000
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary	35,000

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Pinelands Preservation Alliance	80,000
Red Tomato	15,000
Stony Brook - Millstone Watershed Association	220,000
United States Endowment for Forestry And Communities	35,000
Subtotal for Environment:	1,280,000
MEDIA	
New Jersey Public Radio (New York Public Radio)	125,000
New Jersey Spotlight (Community Foundation of New Jersey)	50,000
New Jersey Television (Public Media NJ)	50,000
WHYY	35,000
Subtotal for Media:	260,000
MORRISTOWN	
Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center	30,000
Subtotal for Morristown:	30,000
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
Community Foundation of South Jersey (Community Foundation of New Jersey)	50,000
Dodge Foundation Grantee Annual Meeting	20,000
Jersey Give-Back Guide Matching Grants	32,000
New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (GreenFaith)	10,000
Subtotal for Technical Assistance:	112,000
Total Grants Approved:	2,970,000