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GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION BOARD ANNOUNCES 94 GRANTS TOTALING \$4 MILLION

(Morristown, NJ) At its recent board meeting, the Trustees of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation approved 94 grants totaling \$4 million to a variety of arts, education, environment and media nonprofit organizations throughout New Jersey.

“We have seen time and again – and especially in these months following Hurricane Sandy – that the nonprofit sector plays a critical role in delivering services and programs that help people live better lives here in New Jersey,” said Dodge President and CEO Chris Daggett. “We believe these grants represent some of the most effective and inspiring nonprofits in our state, and we are pleased to provide flexible, general operating support funding, as well as an array of learning programs to help them succeed as organizations.”

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 41 organizations received \$1,622,500 in arts grants in this grant cycle, including grants for Dance (\$225,000), Music & Opera (\$150,000), Theatre (\$555,000), Visual Arts (\$317,500) and organizations that help “Connect Community and the Arts” (\$340,000).

Dodge gave a first-time grant of \$7,500 to the **Trenton Museum Society** (TMS), which offers exemplary art and local history exhibitions and programs from its location at the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park. The grant is for general operating support of TMS. **Ramapo College of New Jersey** also received a \$15,000 grant for its Sustainable Jersey City's Rain Garden+ART Initiative: three demonstration projects in Jersey City using green infrastructure solutions and the Arts as a vehicle for community engagement.

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 transformational, experiential arts education opportunities. The Foundation also funds organizations which enhance teacher and principal quality with a focus on improving student outcomes.

A total of 26 groups focused on Education received \$827,000 in this round of grants, including new grants to: **Rutgers Graduate School of Education** (\$42,000) to support a new professional development curriculum that will bring together teams of art, English, math and science teachers and school administrators to explore arts integration with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) subjects that also align with Common Core State Standards; the **VH1 Save the Music Foundation** (\$30,000) to restore instrumental music education in two Trenton middle schools in the 2013-2014 school year; and the **Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation** (\$25,000) to develop, pilot and assess a model for recruiting and training recently-retired teachers to provide coaching to teachers in the New Jersey public schools.

ENVIRONMENT

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

In this round of grants, a total of 22 nonprofit environmental organizations received \$1,180,000 in funding to support the protection and stewardship of critical watersheds, green urban centers, and contribute to local food production and distribution. New grants were awarded to: the **Monmouth Conservation Foundation** (\$15,000) to protect ecological and natural resources, and safeguard critical watersheds in Monmouth County; and **New Jersey Future** (\$70,000) to identify and elevate the issue of water

infrastructure improvements in New Jersey's cities as a key to urban revitalization, economic prosperity, and water protection and stewardship.

Additionally, one of Dodge's signature initiatives, **Sustainable Jersey**, received renewed funding of \$300,000 for their sustainability certification program for New Jersey's municipalities and schools.

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.

Two media organizations received \$250,000 in this round of grants, including **Pro Publica** (\$50,000) for continued support of their investigative reporting in the public interest and strengthening emerging partnerships with the New Jersey news ecosystem; and **WFMU** (\$200,000) to create and host the Audience Engine, a new content engine for radio, television and online publishers who present original creative and journalistic content in a real-time environment.

MORRISTOWN & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In the Dodge Foundation's hometown of Morristown, New Jersey, Morristown Neighborhood House received a grant of \$75,000 for continued support of their individual and community development programs.

Technical Assistance grants were made to Pro Bono Partnership (\$20,000) and Leadership Newark (\$15,000) to support workshops and services for New Jersey nonprofit organizations, such as legal and financial counseling and crisis management. These grants are in addition to the Dodge Foundation's commitment to building the capacity of its grantee organizations through an array of workshops and services focusing on board management and communications.

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 to date: www.grdodge.org/apply/search-grants/

The Dodge Foundation makes grant decisions three times a year. A previous round of 2013 grants was announced in early April. The final round will be announced in December.

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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ORGANIZATION	GRANT AMOUNT
ARTS	
10 Hairy Legs	15,000
Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre	15,000
Aljira	50,000
Arts Council of Princeton	20,000
Artworks (Princeton Art Association)	30,000
Cape May Stage	25,000
Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre	20,000
Freespace Dance	15,000
Gallery Aferro	15,000
Growing Stage - The Children's Theatre of New Jersey	45,000
Hamilton Partnership for Paterson	25,000
Hunterdon Art Museum	50,000
Luna Stage	55,000
Lydia Johnson Dance	20,000
Mayo Performing Arts Center (South Street Theater Co.)	40,000
McCarter Theatre	75,000
Mile Square Theatre	20,000
Millville Development Corporation	40,000
Morris Arts (Arts Council of the Morris Area)	75,000
Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company	50,000
National Consortium for Creative Placemaking (PlanSmart NJ)	10,000
New Jersey Ballet Company	50,000
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra	95,000
New Jersey Theatre Alliance	65,000

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New Music USA	60,000
Newark Arts Council	35,000
Newark Museum	125,000
Noyes Museum of Art	55,000
Passage Theatre Company	60,000
Premiere Stages (Kean University Foundation)	15,000
Princeton Symphony Orchestra	10,000
Pushcart Players	35,000
Ramapo College of New Jersey	15,000
Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts	25,000
Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey	125,000
South Jersey Cultural Alliance	25,000
Trenton Museum Society	7,500
Trilogy: An Opera Company	10,000
Two River Theater Company	50,000
Westfield Symphony Orchestra	35,000
Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers (Rutgers University Foundation)	15,000
Subtotal for Arts:	1,622,500

EDUCATION

Arden Theatre Company	20,000
Artists-in-Education Consortium (Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania)	55,000
Barat Foundation	20,000
Camden Repertory Theater	15,000
CultureWorks	20,000
Educational Arts Team	20,000

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Folger Shakespeare Library (Trustees of Amherst College)	25,000
Institute of Music for Children	20,000
Jazz House Kids	30,000
New Jersey Charter Schools Association	60,000
New Jersey Tap Ensemble	10,000
Newark Education Funders Collaborative (Newark Trust for Education)	50,000
Newark Public Schools Innovation Fund (Community Foundation of New Jersey)	20,000
Newark School of the Arts	50,000
Newark Trust for Education	50,000
Paterson Education Fund	70,000
Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts (Rutgers University Foundation)	40,000
Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education (Rutgers University Foundation)	42,000
School of the Garden State Ballet	20,000
Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts	35,000
Stevens Institute of Technology	30,000
Trenton Children's Chorus	15,000
Trenton Community Music School	30,000
Union City Music Project (New York Foundation for the Arts)	25,000
VH1 Save the Music Foundation	30,000
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation/CERA	25,000
Subtotal for Education:	827,000

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ENVIRONMENT	
Center for Environmental Transformation	15,000
City Green	55,000
Delaware Riverkeeper Network	65,000
Edison Wetlands Association	55,000
Elijah's Promise	15,000
Foodshed Alliance	15,000
Greensgrow Philadelphia Project	15,000
Isles	70,000
Keep It Green (New Jersey Audubon)	40,000
Land Conservancy of New Jersey	60,000
Land Trust Alliance	15,000
Monmouth Conservation Foundation	15,000
National Parks Conservation Association	10,000
Nature Conservancy	70,000
New Jersey Conservation Foundation	120,000
New Jersey Future	70,000
New Jersey Highlands Coalition	45,000
NY/NJ Baykeeper	70,000
North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council	15,000
Raritan Headwaters Association	20,000
Sustainable Jersey	300,000
Trout Unlimited	25,000
Subtotal for Environment:	1,180,000

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MEDIA	
ProPublica	50,000
WFMU (Auricle Communications)	200,000
Subtotal for Media:	250,000
MORRISTOWN	
Morristown Neighborhood House	75,000
Subtotal for Morristown:	75,000
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
Leadership Newark	15,000
Pro Bono Partnership	20,000
Subtotal for Technical Assistance:	35,000
Total Grant Amount:	3,989,500