



press release

a society more humane –
a world more livable

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Arts Education for New Jersey public school students receives support from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

(MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY) Students in New Jersey public schools will benefit from \$4.3 million in grants awarded by the Trustees of The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to 76 educational organizations.

The grants demonstrate a commitment by Dodge to support high quality arts education across all categories of education grantmaking.

Dodge Foundation President and CEO, David Grant said, “The foundation of our economy is creativity--and that same creativity will also assist our children in meeting the demands of an increasingly dangerous and rapidly changing world. For this reason, we are proud to note that 32 out of the 76 education grants being made this year are focused, in some way on arts education and supporting creativity. In terms of the Dodge education budget, arts education or programs that support integrated arts experiences account for 37% of Dodge’s total giving in education.”

Education Program Director Ross Danis said, “The role of the Arts in Education continues to be under siege, if not attacked, in part by the pervasive pressure to raise test scores. Of course, we know that to be literate in today’s world means being both a critical and creative thinker, and that educating children is a much more challenging enterprise than simply raising test scores.” Ross Danis added, “In today’s world, if creativity is not part of our definition of being literate, every child gets left behind.”

The Dodge Foundation is supporting high quality curriculum designs and innovative programs with a heavy focus on cultivating creativity through art experiences, as well as integration into other disciplines. For example, support for **TEAM Academy** as a “small school” is for their arts program. **Young Audiences’** Creative Beginnings program is about curriculum design (and professional development) but it is also an approach that embraces the arts, as does **Bank Street’s New Beginnings**, and **Children’s Literacy Initiative’s** approach to curriculum design. While the **Partnership for After School Education** is an innovative after-school program, it also includes a heavy emphasis on providing high quality arts programs for children. Dodge’s support for the **New Jersey Arts Education Partnership** (a program of the **Music for All**

Foundation) further illustrates that support for arts education is central to the Dodge Foundation's mission in education.

The impact of the Dodge Foundation's grants is far reaching. Dodge Trustee and Education Committee chair, Betsy Michel said, "What we find so remarkable about the groups being funded in education is that all of them are having a significant and positive impact—in classrooms, on playgrounds, and in communities. While they may read like 76 different grants, in some way, Dodge is making one large grant to the children of New Jersey."

Established in 1974, the mission of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation is "to support and encourage those educational, cultural, social, and environmental values that contribute to making society more humane and our world more livable." The Trustees have focused grantmaking in the areas of the Arts, Education, the Environment, Local Projects in Morris County, and Welfare of Animals, the latter supporting animal shelters in New Jersey. Programs in education directly impact children, teachers, parents, and schools in New Jersey, or support programs and projects that hold promise to impact New Jersey students in the future. For more information about the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, including how to apply for grants, visit www.grdodge.org or call 973-540-8442.

A complete list of grant recipients and project descriptions is attached.

2006 Education Grants

Abbott Leadership Institute

Newark, NJ

\$50,000

To help Newark parents become effective advocates for their children in order to increase support for the New Jersey Supreme Court's Abbott rulings. These rulings mandated funding and programs to improve student achievement in Newark and other "special needs" districts.

African American Heritage Museum of Southern NJ

Newtonville, NJ

\$7,500

www.africanamericanheritagemuseum.org

For the Traveling Museum Program which provides critical links between the Museum, its collection and the public.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

New York, NY

\$25,000

www.alvinailey.org

For in-depth, quality dance-education residences at three Trenton public schools.

Artists-in-Education Consortium

Princeton, NJ

\$80,000

www.yanj.org

To support the AIE Consortium efforts to train and place artists in classrooms throughout the state for high quality and impactful in-school and afterschool residencies.

Arts Education Partnership

Washington, DC

\$25,000

www.aep-arts.org

For general operating support that will enable AEP to continue to serve as the primary forum and force for advancing arts education in America's schools.

Arts Horizons, Inc.

Englewood, NJ

\$40,000

www.artshorizons.org

For the Artist-Teacher Institute (ATI), which assists teachers' efforts to offer quality arts instruction, and deliver an arts integrated curriculum that is correlated to Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Artsgenesis
New York, NY
\$50,000

www.artsgenesis.com

For arts residencies for students, professional development workshops for teachers, and the expansion of interdisciplinary "Tapestry" residencies that serve New Jersey schools.

Bank Street College of Education
New York, NY
\$75,000

www.bankstreet.edu

For Project New Beginnings at Camden Elementary, 15th Avenue, and Clinton Avenue Schools in Newark, in order to enable full implementation of the program in partnership with the district and the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Bayshore Discovery Project
Port Norris, NJ
\$90,000

www.ajmeerwald.org

For general operating support for shore-based, environmental education programs that connect students to a "place" and empower them to actively engage in their natural and cultural communities.

The Big Picture Company
Providence, RI
\$50,000

www.bigpicture.org

For continued training and mentoring of MetEast school advisors and principals, as part of Camden public schools' efforts to implement a new system of small high schools of choice.

Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College
Middlebury, VT
\$30,000

www.blse.middlebury.com

To improve teaching and learning in Trenton School District classrooms, through participation in Bread Loaf's summer programs and Teachers' Network.

Camden City Garden Club
Camden, NJ
\$25,000

www.camdenchildrensgarden.org

To support the Grow Lab Program which brings culturally-relevant environmental lessons to students in classrooms throughout Camden.

Camden County Academy of Teaching and Learning
Blackwood, NJ
\$20,000

www.camdencountyacademy.com

For the Camden County Academy of Teaching and Learning which creates connections between and among teachers that result in collaborations on content, interdisciplinary planning, informal mentoring, and support for new teachers.

Center for Architecture and Building Science Research
Newark, NJ
\$40,000

www.cabsr.org

To develop a design blueprint, referred to as "High Performance Schoolyards," which will enable schools to install and operate outdoor space that augments children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.

Center for Effective School Practices
Somerset, NJ
\$90,000

<http://cesp.rutgers.edu>

For support of several programs and projects of the Center for Effective School Practices. These include the Charter School Resource Center, the Public Education Institute Roundtables and the New Jersey Public Schools Biennial Report.

Children's Literacy Initiative
Philadelphia, PA
\$100,000

www.cliontheweb.org

For the Newark Model Classroom Project, which provides training and coaching for teachers in Model Classrooms, and which also provides placement sites for student teachers and for visitations by teachers and administrators from other districts.

The Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education
New York, NY
\$7,500

www.sustainabilityed.org

For support of a technical assistance project with Unity Charter School in Morristown, NJ. The mission of Cloud is to help schools and school districts introduce the knowledge and thinking skills students will need to make their communities more livable today and in the future.

Communities in Schools New Jersey
Newark, NJ
\$150,000

www.cisnj.org

For general support of the state office of this national drop-out prevention program. CISNJ incubates, spins off and then provides technical assistance and other support to local CIS programs. CISNJ is currently incubating a program in Camden.

Eagle Academy
Egg Harbor Township, NJ
\$10,000
www.eht.k12.nj.us

For a collaborative project involving alternative school students from Eagle Academy, the local environmental commission and trades people in the construction of an environmentally friendly arboretum.

Eagleton Institute of Politics
New Brunswick, NJ
\$20,000
www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

To help institutionalize the Newark Student Voices civics education project in Newark high schools. The project works with social studies teachers and their students to encourage youth to understand the real-world applications of their civics lessons.

Earthwatch Institute
Maynard, MA
\$125,000
www.earthwatch.org

To support Earthwatch's New Jersey Teachers for Biodiversity (NJT4B) fellowships, which promote a deeper understanding of science, scientific research, experiential learning and global citizenry through expeditions, stimulate innovative approaches to teaching and curriculum design, and kindle environment awareness and appreciation.

Ecological Research & Development Group, Inc.
Lewes, DE
\$15,000
www.horseshoecrab.org

To support three K-8 species awareness-through-the-arts education programs: 1) Horseshoe Crab Conservation and the Arts; 2) the Horseshoe Crabs in the Arts student contest; and 3) a year-end art show of the contest's winning entries.

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

To support ELC's advocacy efforts to improve education for disadvantaged children through public engagement, policy reform, research, communications and legal action, and for ELC's work to build the advocacy capacity of diverse stakeholders who want schools that function as community institutions.

Educational Information and Resource Center
Sewell, NJ
\$120,000
www.eirc.org

To support EIRC's Earth Education program which features the "Monarch Teacher Network," bringing together teachers, students and communities to foster ecological understanding and an environmental ethic.

**Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown
Provincetown, MA
\$11,000**

www.fawc.org

To offer scholarships to 20 New Jersey educators who will attend weeklong courses in creative writing and visual arts that, in turn, will assist them in their own classrooms in New Jersey.

**Folger Shakespeare Library
Washington, DC
\$58,000**

www.folger.edu

To support the Folger Festivals Project in New Jersey in 2006-2007. A collaboration of Folger, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, and Rider University, the project will produce two statewide Shakespeare festivals for students and provide teacher workshops.

**Foundation for Educational Administration
Monroe Township, NJ
\$185,000**

www.njpsa.org

For support of programs and initiatives that contribute to the recruitment, retention, and revitalization of New Jersey school leaders, as well as to facilitate and fund Dodge fellowship experiences for New Jersey school principals.

**Foundation for Excellent Schools
Cornwall, VT
\$50,000**

www.fesnet.org

For Foundation for Excellent Schools' partnership with the Millville School District in order to increase student achievement.

**Frost Valley YMCA
Montclair, NJ
\$25,000**

www.frostvalley.org

For support of a three-day environmental education program at Frost Valley YMCA Camp for New Jersey middle school students.

**Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Teacher Fellowships
Morristown, NJ
\$125,000**

www.grdodge.org

For support of the Dodge Teacher Fellowship awards, which will provide funds for Camden County, New Jersey teachers in 2007 to pursue a variety of educational experiences in order to maintain and expand their instructional effectiveness.

Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Visual Arts Initiative
Morristown, NJ
\$117,800

www.grdodge.org

For the Visual Arts Initiative which enables New Jersey art teachers to increase their artistic development and expertise. By supporting the creative work of artist-educators, we are assisting in increasing artistic literacy in children and teachers across the curriculum.

Institute for Arts & Humanities Education
New Brunswick, NJ
\$100,000

www.iahenj.org

For updating and reprinting of the Family Arts and Creativity manual, training new Family Arts and Creativity teams, maintaining alliances with alumni teams, recruiting and training bilingual artists, and exploring partnerships with community organizations.

JCC Thurnauer School of Music
Tenafly, NJ
\$30,000

www.jcconthepalisades.org

To support the Chamber Music Express Residency Program and the Music Discovery Scholarship Program, both of which reach underserved, low-income third and fourth-grade students and their teachers in two Englewood public schools.

Johns Hopkins University
Center for Talented Youth
Baltimore, MD
\$150,000

www.cty.jhu.edu

For support of the Next Generation Venture Fund for public schools students from low-income families in Newark. The program builds a pipeline for high-potential 8th graders leading to admission to top universities.

Link Community School
Newark, NJ
\$55,000

www.linkschool.org

For general operating support of ongoing efforts to provide excellent educational opportunities to children in Newark and the surrounding region.

Little Kids Rock
Montclair, NJ
\$50,000

www.littlekidsrock.org

For general operating support to further strengthen the organizational capacity of Little Kids Rock to enable them to better serve children, teachers, and schools in New Jersey and beyond.

Living Classrooms Foundation**Baltimore, MD****\$50,000**www.livingclassrooms.org

For support of hands-on environmental education programs serving Paterson public school students during the summer. Most activities take place on historic ships sailing the Chesapeake Bay.

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences**Loveladies, NJ****\$25,000**www.lbifoundation.org

For the continuation of the Long Beach Island's After-School Arts Enrichment Program for artistically talented students from schools in Atlantic and Ocean counties.

Mason Gross School of the Arts**New Brunswick, NJ****\$16,000**masongross.rutgers.edu

To support scholarships for talented high school students to attend the Rutgers Summer Acting Conservatory, a 5-week residency program that allows students the opportunity to experience intensive, professional acting training within the context of a college environment.

Metro International**New York, NY****\$10,000**www.metrintl.org

To expand Global Classroom partnerships in New Jersey, which provide for school visits by Fulbright scholars and international students who spark dialogue and action about global issues, help break down cultural prejudice, and introduce the concept of living as global citizens.

Metropolitan Opera Guild**New York, NY****\$65,000**www.metoperaguild.org

For support of the "Opera Research and Professional Development Institute," which holds opera education curriculum as a language system of sight, sound and movement, empowers teachers to develop inquiry-based learning communities within schools, and results in student-created performance pieces.

Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts**Cape May, NJ****\$30,000**www.capemaymac.org

For the Cape May Music Festival "Sights and Sounds" education outreach program which serves teachers and students in southern New Jersey through professional development opportunities, in-school art and music-making projects, a composer-in-residence program and a young people's concert.

Montclair State University
Upper Montclair, NJ
\$75,000

www.montclair.edu

For the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal (MSUNER) project: a model teacher development program based on teacher team-directed study groups, action research projects and peer mentoring, that provides a foundation for teachers as life-long learners and designers.

Music For All Foundation
Warren, NJ
\$50,000

<http://music-for-all.org>

To support the formation of the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership which will be the unifying organization and central resource for arts education information, policy and advocacy in our state.

National Association of Independent Schools
Washington, D.C.
\$10,000

www.nais.org

To support public school participation in Challenge 20/20, a program based on the book "High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them" that matches US and foreign schools in developing local solutions to global problem.

National Gallery of Art
Washington, D.C.
\$20,000

www.nga.gov

For the 2006 Teacher Institute, an object-based, interdisciplinary program which brings teachers to the museum for a week-long program. Fellowship support will enable a minimum of four New Jersey educators to attend the program.

National Institute for Early Education Research - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ
\$60,000

www.nieer.org

To support a flagship pre-school designed in harmony with nature and related green building principles that will itself be a part of the learning experience and serve as a center for early education program assessment, teacher training, and professional development.

NetworkArts
Philadelphia, PA
\$15,000

www.networkarts.org

For the design and installation of an ecologically-themed and educationally-enriching mosaic in a Camden public school.

New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association

Trenton, NJ

\$150,000

www.njcpsa.org

To help the Association advance policies and practices to strengthen the charter school movement in New Jersey, and to help it provide field services to individual charter schools seeking to enhance their quality and sustainability.

New Jersey Historical Society

Newark, NJ

\$50,000

www.jerseyhistory.org

To support the Society's educational programs for Pre-K through high school students, and to provide teachers with training in the use of collections of documents and objects to convey the importance of history to their students.

New Jersey SEEDS

Newark, NJ

\$75,000

www.njseeds.org

To underwrite support services to SEEDS Scholars entering independent schools. New Jersey SEEDS provides educational enrichment programs for academically talented, low-income students in grades 5-8. New Jersey SEEDS helps the older students gain admission to competitive independent schools across the U.S.

Paper Mill Playhouse

Millburn, NJ

\$75,000

www.papermill.org

For support of the Adopt-A-School project and the Rising Star Awards program for New Jersey high school students and for support of the Professional Development Plan for Teachers.

Partnership for After School Education

New York, NY

\$50,000

www.pasesetter.org

To provide high quality after-school programming for middle school students at Hoboken Charter School and Demarest Middle School in Hoboken, as well as develop an after-school collaborative that will increase quality and capacity of after-school programs in Hudson County.

Paterson Education Fund

Paterson, NJ

\$105,000

www.paterson-education.org

For the Paterson Small Schools Initiative, which is focused on assisting the Paterson School District in adopting policies and designing professional development that will result in the design and expansion of high quality small learning environments.

Pathways to College**Englewood, NJ****\$30,000**www.pathwaystocollege.org

For the Newark component of the national Pathways to College program, which increases the numbers of high potential minority youth, particularly those from underserved communities, who go to competitive colleges based on supportive after-school programming and partnerships of public high schools and their communities with colleges and universities.

Pocono Environmental Education Center**Dingmans Ferry, PA****\$20,000**www.peec.org

For support of an innovative, year-round experiential and interdisciplinary Environment and Ecology Studies program that focuses on student and teacher development in urban or underserved areas. PEEC's pilot school partnership will be with PS 14 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Princeton-Blairstown Center Inc.**Princeton, NJ****\$40,000**<http://webware.princeton.edu/pbcenter>

For a partnership with LEAP Academy to establish a new, year-round model of experiential education that reaches deep within a school community to engage students, parents/guardians and teachers in developing student self-esteem, character, and civic awareness and responsibility.

Project SEED**Berkeley, CA****\$90,000**www.projectseed.org

To support the expansion of the Project SEED math program in the Camden School District.

Project U.S.E.**Red Bank, NJ****\$55,000**www.projectuse.org

To partner with New Jersey schools in providing experiential and adventure education services designed to improve student self-image and self-awareness, improve decision making, problem solving, communication, team building, leadership and community-building skills, and increase knowledge of New Jersey's environmental issues.

Rainforest Alliance**New York, NY****\$35,000**www.ra.org

To support implementation of the Rainforest Alliance's innovative, cross-cultural (Latin American) and multidisciplinary environmental education program in two Newark schools, foster program dissemination to other New Jersey schools, and encourage good global citizenship that results in ecosystem protection.

Ridge and Valley Charter School**Blairstown, NJ****\$30,000**www.ridgeandvalley.org

For the continued development of a holistic, place-based teaching and learning methodology that is centered on the design principles of the natural world (i.e. sustainability and interdependence) and focused on ways to better harmonize human culture with the systems of the natural world.

Rutgers Center for Applied Psychology**Piscataway, NJ****\$25,000**

For the development of a "Laws of Life" Guide Kit that will enable Abbott districts to implement a multiple-intelligences, social-emotional learning program which engages at-risk students in an essay contest focused on values that are central to their lives.

Rutgers University/Project LEAP**Camden, NJ****\$100,000**www.camden.rutgers.edu/camden/cfsucl

To support the continuation and expansion of the Teacher Development and Performance Institute which is based on approaches to teaching and learning developed at the LEAP Charter School.

Save Ellis Island!**Gladstone, NJ****\$50,000**www.saveellisland.org

To support efforts to design and deliver an integrated, cross-disciplinary series of curriculum units that link the humanities, arts, science, health and mathematics using Ellis Island and the topic of immigration as unifying themes.

Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts**Montclair, NJ****\$25,000**www.smapa.org

For an eight-week, after-school arts education program for third through fifth grade students, as well as ongoing dance education for third graders during the school day at Chancellor Avenue School in Irvington, New Jersey.

Storytelling Arts, Inc.**Kingston, NJ****\$49,910**www.storytellingarts.net

For school-based, literacy-focused storytelling arts programming and a storytelling training institute for teachers designed to help overcome barriers that interfere with the learning process of children in poverty: thwarted imagination, low self-esteem, and lack of motivation to read and write.

Teach for America New Jersey**Newark, NJ****\$125,000**www.teachforamerica.org

To support the recruitment, training and placement of more than 80 new teachers in the Camden public schools who are dedicated to significantly impacting the lives of students in Camden.

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

To support the Newark charter school's continued development of music, drama and dance programs.

Thirteen/WNET**New York, NY**www.thirteen.org

For the participation of Morris County Teacher Fellows at WNET/Channel Thirteen's Celebration of Teaching and Learning.

Trenton Community Music School**Trenton, NJ****\$40,000**

To help underwrite the "Music for the Very Young" program, which helps Trenton preschool and early elementary school students benefit from developmentally appropriate music appreciation instruction provided by teachers and parents.

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

For general operating support of the diverse activities offered to students in Trenton public schools.

Tri-County Academies of Teaching and Learning**Bridgeton, NJ****\$50,000**

To develop and expand the successful Academy of Teaching and Learning concept to retain beginning teachers, while using teacher leaders and teacher leadership to build a county learning community and provide a continuing opportunity to grow instruction through dialogue and sharing.

William Paterson University**Wayne, NJ****\$30,000**www.wpunj.edu

To support the 2006 Summer Jazz Workshop, which immerses high school students in jazz through morning classes, afternoon rehearsals, meet-the-artist sessions, and evening concerts. Funds will support visiting artists and underwrite student scholarships.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
Princeton, NJ
\$75,000

www.woodrow.org

To expand Teachers as Scholars program to the Rutgers New Brunswick campus; provide renewal grants to two other sites in New Jersey; organize a local meeting for directors of New Jersey Teachers as Scholars programs; and support travel to the national meeting to share ideas and strategies.

Young Audiences of New Jersey
Princeton, NJ
\$70,000

www.yanj.org

For the development and expansion of the "Creative Beginnings" professional development program for early childhood educators.

Young Scholars' Institute
Trenton, NJ
\$60,000

www.youngscholarsoftrenton.org

For support of the Preparation for Reaching Excellence Program. PREP provides 35-40 rising 7th and 8th graders from Trenton with a six-week summer enrichment program conducted on the campus of The Lawrenceville School.

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