

EDUCATION From the Guidelines

The Trust's grants in education seek to enhance educational opportunities and achievement in New England, especially for underserved children and youth. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting projects which will have a significant positive effect on:

- ◆ the availability of academic resources, both traditional and innovative
- ◆ increased access, incentives, and opportunities for educational participation by underserved populations in New England
- ◆ improved academic performance and achievement, and
- ◆ the availability of instruction and training in the visual and performing arts

Boston College

f/b/o Watertown Public Schools

Chestnut Hill, MA www.bc.edu
Susan Hoban, BC Coordinator,
Project OPEN
2002: \$28,636

Project OPEN, a partnership of area universities and the Watertown Public Schools to redesign teacher preparation and ongoing professional development. Final total: \$28,636

Boston Plan for Excellence

f/b/o Fund for Nonprofit Partnerships in the Boston Public Schools

Boston, MA
www.agmconnect.org/links/fnp.html
Ellen Guiney, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$260,000

The Fund for Nonprofit Partnerships in the Boston Public Schools, to support school improvement in the Boston Public Schools. Final total 1997-2001: \$750,000. Total to date 2001-2003: \$125,000 of \$175,000 provisionally committed.

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)

Peabody, MA www.cast.org
Kathy P. Kuy, Director of Major Gifts
2001-2002: \$60,000

Universal Design for Learning New England Curriculum Project. Final total: \$100,000

2002: \$1,000

To send a teacher participating in Universal Design for Learning to present at the Grantmakers for Education conference in October 2002. Final total: \$1,000. D.F

The Center for Educational Services

Auburn, ME www.mainecenter.org
Robert Shafto, Executive Director
2002: \$2,000

To develop collaborative materials cataloging nonprofit school services working with schools on new state educational mandates in Maine. Final total: \$2,000. D.F.

Children's Theatre of Maine

Portland, ME 207/878-2774
Stacy L. Begin, Managing Director
2001: \$36,008

The Shakespeare Project, for high school students to perform in Shakespearean plays as a teaching tool, expanding to western and northern Maine. Final total: \$36,008.

City on a Hill Charter School

Boston, MA www.cityonahill.org
Dr. Steven Leonard, President
2002: \$40,000

The Teachers' Institute, to train and sustain urban public school teachers. Final total: \$90,000

Commonwealth Corporation

Boston, MA www.commcorp.org
Jonathan Raymond, President
2002: \$35,000

Another Route to College, to help Massachusetts students who have failed MCAS pass the exam and proceed to college. Total to date: \$35,000 of \$70,000 provisionally committed.

ECO 2000

Washburn, ME www.eco2000.org
Jerry T. White, Superintendent, MSAD #33
2001: \$18,500

CyberSchool, a web-based academic program for students in Aroostook County, Maine. Final total: \$80,758.

+EcoTarium

Worcester, MA www.ecotarium.org
Laura H. Myers, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$80,000

To increase capacity to design and implement environmental education programs focusing on New England ecosystems. Final total: \$120,000.

Education Connection

Litchfield, CT
www.educationconnection.org
Danuta Thibodeau, Executive Director
2002: \$35,000

Strategic planning in seven districts to form a rural schools collaborative to meet Connecticut standards for teacher evaluation. Total to date: \$35,000 of \$70,000 provisionally committed.

Fitchburg Art Museum

Fitchburg, MA
www.fitchburgartmuseum.org
Peter Timms, Director
2002: \$50,000

A new public arts magnet high school to complement the existing middle school on its campus. Total to date: \$50,000 of \$150,000 provisionally committed.

Foundation for Excellent Schools

Cornwall, VT www.fesnet.org
Karen Judge, Director of Development
2001-2002: \$80,000

The Western Massachusetts Excellent Schools Program, serving ten schools in western Massachusetts. Total to date: \$80,000 of \$120,000.

Institute for Responsive Education

Boston, MA www.responsiveeducation.org
Karen Mapp, President
2002: \$50,000

The Parent Leadership Exchange project in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Total to date: \$50,000 of \$95,000 provisionally committed.

Mass Insight Education and Research Institute, Inc.

Boston, MA www.massinsight.com
Andrew Calkins, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$80,000

The Building Blocks Initiative, offering school strategies to support standards-based reform. Final total: \$80,000.

+New Bedford Oceanarium

New Bedford, MA www.nbocean.org
Cheryl Belknap, Chief Operating Officer
2002: \$37,508

Support for master science teachers to collaborate with scientists and advocacy groups to create education materials, school-based programs and future exhibits. Final total: \$37,508.

New Hampshire Humanities Council

Concord, NH www.nhhc.org
Alison Nordstrom, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$40,000

The Education Initiative, offering training, technology and resources to teachers in the state to enhance the teaching of humanities. Final total: \$80,000.

ROCA, Inc.

Chelsea, MA www.rocainc.org
Molly Baldwin, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$100,000

The Parent Advocacy Initiative in Chelsea and Revere. Final total: \$150,000.

+Shelburne Farms

Shelburne, VT www.shelburnefarms.org
Alec Webb, President
2001: \$43,806

A pilot project in Vermont schools, to use sustainability as an integrative concept for school reform. Final total: \$43,806.

2002: \$45,000

The Sustainable Schools Project, to replicate the successful place-based learning model in a second Vermont school. Total to date: \$45,000 of \$70,000 provisionally committed.

Spectrum Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Burlington, VT
www.members.aol.com/Spectpage/Spectrum.html
Mark Redmond, Executive Director
2002: \$43,000

An alternative high school program to assist youth to complete high school and pursue post-secondary training. Total to date: \$43,000 of \$73,000 provisionally committed.

Tides Family Services, Inc.

West Warwick, RI www.tidesfs.org
Michael Reis, FSC, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$125,000

To develop educational and training opportunities for high-risk and court-involved Rhode Island youth combining academic and small business enterprises. Total to date: \$125,000 of \$165,000 provisionally committed.

United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts

Fall River, MA 508/673-4670
Raymond R Gagne, Lead Organizer
2001: \$40,000

To broaden community organizing around education issues in Fall River and New Bedford. Final total: \$86,806.

+University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Center for Marine Science and Technology

North Dartmouth, MA
www.emast.umassd.edu
Cheryl Belknap, Chief Operating Officer, New Bedford Oceanarium
2001: \$50,000

A collaboration with the New Bedford Oceanarium and the city of New Bedford to expand the summer Sea Lab program into a year round math and science middle school curriculum. Final total: \$100,000.

Upper Valley Teacher Institute

Lebanon, NH www.uvti.org
James H. Nourse, Executive Director
2001-2002: \$65,000

The New Teacher Institute, to support teachers in their first and second years of teaching. Final total: \$95,308.

Vermont Arts Council

Montpelier, VT
www.state.vt.us/vermont-arts
Alexander L. Aldrich, Executive Director
2001: \$40,000

The Vermont Millennium Arts Project, to connect students and teachers in rural Vermont schools with professional artists using online technology and long-term residencies. Final total: \$140,000.

Vermont Historical Society

Montpelier, VT www.state.vt.us/vhs
Cynthia B. Tokos, Project Director
2002: \$45,000

The Community History project, to establish teams of teachers and historical societies in 12 local communities to develop curriculum based on community history. Total to date: \$45,000 of \$90,000 provisionally committed.

*=environmental health
+=environmental education
D.F.=discretionary fund



Erin Gordon's marine biology class from Fairhaven, MA High School conducting water quality monitoring through New Bedford Oceanarium education programs.

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