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2008 President's Letter

Community Voices Heard

Community Voices Heard (CVH) youth Nicole Leggett holds a sign for elected officials who attended the CVH Newburgh chapter's "Day in our Shoes Tour." Over fifty low-income residents took ten elected and two agency officials from the federal, state, county, and city levels of government on a tour to give them a first hand look at the conditions under which poor Newburgh residents live and to draw attention to the need for stimulus funds to reach the region's poorest residents.

Photo by Teresa Horgan



Weathering the Storm

Nothing tests the soundness of a house like a hurricane. Unfortunately, we don't really know how well our homes will withstand a storm until one strikes. In 2008, our economic constructs were tested—roof, walls, and foundation—when the economic recession sorely tested our financial infrastructure.

Homeowners, who had taken out deceptively low sub-prime mortgages and over-leveraged their homes with debt, were suddenly faced with plunging home values and spiking monthly payments. In the Hudson Valley and throughout the nation, foreclosures loomed for homeowners from all walks of life—wealthy, middle class and impoverished alike.

In response, the Dyson Foundation provided \$220,000 in funding to the Rural Ulster Preservation Company (RUPCO), Hudson River Housing, and the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley to help create the Hudson Valley Foreclosure Prevention Program. This new partnership quickly began providing a spectrum of services to support those facing the devastating realities associated with foreclosure in Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan counties.

As the year wore on, we soon realized that the sub-prime mortgage crisis would not stay contained to a small percentage of homeowners and that these "toxic assets" would soon taint every aspect of the nation's economic infrastructure. Their ill effects brought down major banking institutions and caused a credit crisis that froze commerce. With stunning speed, the economy contracted violently, dragging down stocks, consumer purchasing and employment.

No one has been spared. Perhaps cruelest of all, those institutions that catch people before they fall through the proverbial cracks—nonprofit organizations—have seen their donations, grants, and government revenue slow to a trickle just as demand for their services rises. Meanwhile, traditional funders—government, foundations, corporations, and individual donors—have been left devastated financially, unable to ratchet donations upward to match the growing demand for support.

By the end of 2008, the Dyson Foundation's endowment had shrunk by \$118 million, or 33% less than its value in 2007. This significant reduction has cut into the amount we can prudently award to nonprofits without jeopardizing the corpus, the nest egg from which future funds are derived. We have, nonetheless, decided to maintain giving levels to nonprofits located within the Mid-Hudson Valley region of New York State, recognizing that constituent needs and demands for nonprofit services will increase significantly in the coming year.

Late in 2008, as the magnitude of the impending recession took shape, the Foundation began to frame a strategy for dealing with its many negative consequences. We partnered with other regional philanthropic organizations—including the Community Foundations of Ulster and Dutchess Counties, and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation—to plan a series of seminars designed to help nonprofits weather the coming financial storm.

The workshops, presented in the first half of 2009, were presented by industry experts in a number of relevant fields—such as mergers and alliances, finance, technology, and personnel—and given in various locations and times throughout the Tri-state region to make them as accessible as possible. We felt every session needed to engender a sense of urgency and be presented with an eye toward helping nonprofits remain solvent without jeopardizing programs and client services.

We also began planning a new set of giving guidelines, so that our diminished resources could be applied where they would be needed the most. We decided to implement this new set of funding priorities early in 2009 in an effort to address the greatest areas of need in a community suddenly beset by rising unemployment and plunging home values. Under the new guidelines, the Foundation's support will be directed toward safety net programs such as food security, housing, access to basic health care, and emergency assistance to low income families.

The Foundation, we decided, would no longer fund capital campaigns or capital projects, believing them to be risky for the nonprofits contemplating them at this time of economic uncertainty. We also decided to cease funding to environmental, arts, historical preservation, or cultural organizations for the immediate future.

These are painful choices, especially for a foundation that has toiled for over half a century to achieve a balanced approach to its giving. But they reflect the dire nature of the times and the need to adapt our philanthropy to suit those circumstances. We find ourselves in a time when nonprofit organizations must embrace efficiency, fiscal restraint, collaborative problem-solving, and volunteerism above all else.

We must battle this storm together. Our community's best assets have always been the remarkable collection of individuals that reside here. It is a time when individual ideas and effort will be needed more than ever to keep the vulnerable among us safe and to keep the institutions we hold dear viable and strong.

Thank you.
Robert Dyson
President

2008 Year in Review

Annual Farmworker's Day

Over fifteen years ago farmworkers across New York State asked Rural & Migrant Ministry(RMM) to join them in their efforts to be treated equally and with dignity under New York State labor law. Since that time, RMM has worked with student groups, unions and people of faith to join the farmworkers in Albany for an annual Farmworker's Day; ensuring that the voice of the farmworkers is heard in the policy process.

Photo by Linda Gluck



Grantmaking

In late 2008 the Foundation's Board of Directors approved a comprehensive set of changes to our grantmaking guidelines which were implemented in early 2009. The losses in our endowment and the diminished financial conditions in the economy made this re-alignment of our work necessary. As a result of our new and, with any luck, temporary focus on "safety net" grants, we have had to reduce or eliminate funding to a number of wonderful and capable arts, environmental or historic preservation organizations – all of which contribute mightily to the quality of life in the Hudson Valley. To these groups: we want you to know that this decision was not made easily or without regret. We hope that we will be able to reintroduce new funding streams in the future and that we will be able to partner with you again.

The global recession constrained the Dyson Foundation's grantmaking in 2008 as well. As a result of significant losses in the Foundation's endowment we had to downscale our plans for grantmaking in 2008. The Foundation made \$16,051,829 in total payments on 322 separate grants to 246 different organizations during the year. The gross payout was about 41% less than the 2007 total of \$27,316,126, which had represented the Foundation's highest annual payout in its 51 years in operation. Individual grant payments made in 2008 ranged from \$400 to \$800,000 with a mean payment of \$47,773 and a median grant payment of \$20,000. Of the 322 grants paid out during the year, 45 grants (or 14% of the total) were awarded to new grantees that we had never funded before. The number of general operating supports grants that were awarded increased from 11% in 2007 to 20% in 2008. We believe that general operating support is one of the most important kinds of financial assistance that we can provide to key providers during a time of financial downturn.

While we would have liked to maintain grantmaking levels in our Mid-Hudson Valley Grants program, we did in fact have to decrease our Mid-Hudson Valley grants to \$9,697,069 in 2008 from the \$12,069,619 paid in 2007. The Mid-Hudson Valley grants program (which focuses on nonprofit organizations located in Dutchess County and the surrounding counties of Ulster, Orange, Columbia, Greene and Putnam) did grow to represent 60% of all Foundation giving in 2008, a 16% increase over 2007 levels. The Legacy & Family Interest program, which funds unsolicited grants awarded at the discretion of the Dyson family, represented 38% of the Foundation's overall funding, a 10% reduction from the previous year. Legacy & Family Interest Program grants totaled \$6,017,200 in 2008, representing a 54% reduction from the previous year's giving under the program. The Foundation continued its Directors' Discretionary and

Support of Philanthropy funding programs at levels consistent with previous years' allocations, each representing about 1% of total giving for the year.

The Mid-Hudson Valley Program accounted for 195 of the 322 grants paid out in 2008. Under this program, Dutchess County organizations and projects received 56% of the total funding provided, while 22% of the funding went to nonprofits serving two or more of Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Of the remainder, 15% of Mid-Hudson Valley Program funding went to Ulster County nonprofits (a 9% increase over 2007 levels), 5% went to Columbia County, and 5% was shared between Greene, Orange and Putnam county grantees.

The housing crisis of 2008 dramatically increased the number of Hudson Valley homeowners facing the threat of foreclosure. In response, the Foundation awarded a two-year \$220,000 grant to the Rural Ulster Preservation Company (RUPCO), a non-profit community development housing organization, to support a regional foreclosure counseling and prevention initiative scheduled to run from November, 2008 through October, 2010. The funding enabled RUPCO and its partners—Hudson River Housing and Legal Services of the Hudson Valley—to hire additional counselors and legal staff to provide a comprehensive program of individual counseling, group education, outreach, and litigation to address the full spectrum of needs for homeowners facing foreclosure in Ulster, Dutchess and Sullivan Counties. The Foundation also made payments on several new or multi-year grants that helped address the increased demand for safety net services, including payments to Dutchess Outreach, Columbia Opportunities, Community Action of Greene County, and the Hunger Action Network of New York State, among others.

During 2008, the Dyson Foundation continued its significant investment in the Walkway Over the Hudson plan to transform the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge into an elevated pedestrian and cycling park. In addition to key start-up funding and plans for a multi-year capital commitment to the project, the Foundation provided staffing, administrative support, and management oversight as an in-kind donation to the Walkway effort, which commenced construction in May, 2008 and opened to the public in October, 2009. To read about the success of this project, please visit www.walkway.org.

The Foundation's Management Assistance Program (MAP) awarded 59 grants totaling \$639,700 in 2008, growing to represent 4% of all Foundation giving for the year. Of the 59 grants, 47 were mini-grants (\$10,000 or less) totaling \$297,700. The remaining \$342,000 supported management assistance projects designed to build capacity and increase operating efficiency in Mid-Hudson Valley nonprofit organizations. In addition, eight grants totaling \$204,500 were made under the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative (SRI) which facilitates mergers and collaborative efforts within the nonprofit community.

In 2008 the Foundation made its last grant payments to grantees of the Anne E. Dyson Community Pediatrics Training Initiative, a multi-year initiative that provided funding to 10 different pediatrics residency training programs at medical institutions throughout the United States. The institutions were chosen through a highly selective national competition mounted in 2000, and the programs funded included: the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in collaboration with Harlem Hospital Center, New York, NY; the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine in collaboration with the Naval Medical Center Pediatrics, San Diego, CA; the University of Hawai'i School of Medicine, Honolulu, HI; the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, Davis, CA; Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN; the University of Florida Health Science Center, Jacksonville, FL; and the University of Miami, Miami, FL. In addition, the Women's and Children's Health Policy Center at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health was funded to conduct a national cross-program evaluation of the Initiative (<http://www.jhsph.edu/wchpc/projects/DINE/dine.html>). The Initiative was initially managed by the Department of Community Pediatrics of Boston Children's Hospital, and subsequently by the Division of Community-Based Initiatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics (<http://www.aap.org/commpeps/cpti/cptihistory.htm>).

The initiative established pediatric residency training programs which incorporated the principles of community pediatrics into their residency curricula. These programs have gone forward to implement new training curricula, develop innovative tools and resources for community pediatrics training and evaluation, and build strong partnerships with community-based organizations. The Dyson Initiative was conceived of and developed by Anne E. Dyson, the Foundation's late President, and sister of Robert R. Dyson. Annie was a dedicated pediatrician who was deeply concerned about the plight of America's children, many of whom grow up without adequate health care. She wanted to find ways to engage community pediatricians in caring about all the children in their communities and to become advocates for all children's health care.

Other Foundation Activities

In an effort to become more environmentally responsible and sustainable, the Foundation took steps in 2008 to reduce its carbon footprint, particularly at its headquarters in Millbrook, NY. Following the recommendations of an energy audit, the Foundation's office building on Halcyon Road was fitted with new thermal pane windows and additional insulation that will decrease the building's overall energy consumption. The Foundation is encouraging a variety of energy-saving strategies including paperless board meetings and seeking to implement a completely online grants inquiry and application process.

Governance

The board conducted five meetings in 2008, one of which included a visit to Newburgh, NY, and meetings with Foundation grantees, including Gateway for Entrepreneurial Tomorrows (an organization that provides support and training for new, small entrepreneurs), Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh and Safe Harbors, an innovative program that provides housing and services to homeless and low-income people in Newburgh.

Guest speakers that made presentations to the board, included Holly A. Grason, MA, Dyson Initiative National Evaluation, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Jeffrey Kaczorowski, MD, Principal Investigator, CPTI, American Academy of Pediatrics and University of Rochester Medical Center; and Cynthia S. Minkovitz, MD, MPP, Dyson Initiative National Evaluation, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who updated the board on the work of the Dyson Pediatrics Training Initiative.

Investments

At the end of 2008, the total market value of the Foundation's investment portfolio was \$231.5 million, which represented a decrease of \$127 million over its market value at the end of 2007.

The Dyson Foundation's approximate return, net of management fees, was -28.4% in 2008 compared to 9.6% on the same basis in 2007. At the end of the year, the Foundation's asset mix was 41% equities, 23% fixed income, 18% hedge funds, 14% private equities, and 4% other investments.

2008 Financial Information

Leadership Camp

Each year Rural & Migrant Ministry (RMM) organizes an overnight youth leadership camp. To celebrate the diversity of its campers and staff, they begin the first night with a contra dance.

Photo courtesy of Rural & Migrant Ministry



Grant Appropriations and Payments

In 2008, the Dyson Foundation paid out grants totalling \$16,051,829. New approved grants, net of cancellations and amendments, were \$12,204,510. The Foundation incurred administrative costs of \$1,892,768.

Investment Income

The 2008 net* investment loss was \$105.63 million, a decrease from 2007 which registered a net gain of \$33.66 million.

(*Net of investment arrangement expenses and deferred excise tax.)

Assets

The fair market value of the Foundation's assets at the end of 2008 was \$231.5 million, of which \$227.3 million represents the investment portfolio. The overall decrease in assets from December 31, 2007 was \$127.2 million.

(Source for investment income and assets: 2008 Dyson Foundation audit)

To view the Dyson Foundation's most recent 990-PF, [\[download\]](#).

To view the 2008 Dyson Foundation Audited Financial Statements (110K) [\[download\]](#)

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2008 Grantmaking: Funding Program for the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State

Girls Leadership Workshop

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK) Girls Leadership Workshop Service Project: A workshop participant tutors a younger girl at the Catharine Street Community Center as part of the program's community and leadership focus.

Photo courtesy of ERVK



Funding Program for the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State

The Dyson Foundation is strongly committed to the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State and to improving and enhancing the quality of life in the region for all of its residents, especially those most vulnerable or economically disadvantaged. We define the Mid-Hudson region as including Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam and Ulster Counties. We have a particular emphasis on Dutchess County, our home community.

Read more below about our funding in Dutchess and other Mid-Hudson Valley counties, as well as our Management Assistance Program and our Nonprofit Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Dutchess County

The Dyson Foundation will consider grants to organizations in Dutchess County for:

social services,
health,
community and economic development,
arts and cultural programs.

We are especially interested in supporting projects that focus on:

economically disadvantaged children and youth,
improving the community's health care services,
strengthening the infrastructure of the nonprofit sector,
increasing philanthropy and charitable giving in the region.

For more information, visit the [Mid-Hudson Valley](#) page of our website.

Other Mid-Hudson Valley Counties

Applications from these communities will be considered if the proposed program:

has a substantial impact on Dutchess County (e.g., serves a large number of Dutchess County

residents),
will have a regional impact on problems or issues that are significant in their scope,
represents true regional collaborations between multiple organizations or agencies,
provides important and needed services to economically disadvantaged children, youth and
families,
improves access to health care for economically disadvantaged communities.

For more information, visit the [Mid-Hudson Valley](#) page on our website.

Management Assistance Program

The Dyson Foundation believes that nonprofit organizations that are well managed and fiscally sound, have engaged boards and appropriate governance, and rely on sound planning for strategic results, are more likely to produce better programs, higher performance, and have greater impact in the communities they serve.

The Management Assistance Program (MAP) is designed to improve the organizational health of nonprofits in the Mid-Hudson Valley by providing the following capacity-building programs.

Mini-Grant Program

This program helps nonprofits in the six-county Mid-Hudson region develop new skills by providing financial support to hire consultants or to attend conferences, workshops, or seminars. Grant amounts of up to \$10,000 (covering no more than 80% of the project budget) are awarded on a competitive basis.

Cash Flow Loans

This program, for current or recent Mid-Hudson Valley Dyson Foundation grantees, allows organizations to continue operating without a disruption of services when funding from other sources is delayed. This program makes interest-free short-term (30-180 days) cash flow loans of up to \$50,000 per loan against fully approved government contracts and foundation or corporate grants at the cost of a small service charge.

As part of the MAP program, the Dyson Foundation has also partnered with the Council of Community Services of New York State (CCSNYS), a membership organization that provides management assistance to nonprofits. They offer a wide range of services at competitively low rates.

Please note that the application procedures for MAP funding are different from the Foundation's regular grant application process. Visit the [MAP](#) page on our website for specific guidelines and applications.

Nonprofit Strategic Restructuring Initiative

This initiative offers information and grant support to Mid-Hudson Valley organizations that are considering or engaging in some form of strategic restructuring such as an alliance, partnership, or merger. Visit the [Nonprofit Strategic Restructuring Initiative](#) page on our website for guidelines and application details.

2008 Grantmaking: Legacy and Family Interest Grants

Girls Leadership Workshop

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Photo courtesy of ERVK



Legacy and Family Interest Grants

Grant commitments made in this category are tied to the historic or current interests of the Dyson family. Included in this funding area are grants made through the Dyson Family Giving Program.

Recommendations for funding in this category are, in all cases, initiated by family directors of the Foundation's board or the staff of the Foundation. Uninvited proposals or inquiries will not be considered.

2008 Grantmaking: Directors' Discretionary Grants

Girls Leadership Workshop

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Directors' Discretionary Grants

Members of the Board of Directors and Officers have the opportunity to direct a certain amount of grant funding to eligible nonprofit organizations of their choosing. While these grants do not reflect the Foundation's overall funding priorities, they do reflect the diversity and creativity of the Foundation's directors.

Recommendations for funding in this category are, in all cases, initiated by Foundation directors and officers. Uninvited proposals or inquiries will not be considered.

2008 Grantmaking: Grants Paid by Program Area

Girls Leadership Workshop

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Grants Paid by Program Area

In 2008, there were a total of 322 grants made to 246 different organizations.

Program Area	Total Dollars	Number of Grants	Avg. Grant
Mid-Hudson Valley	\$9,697,069	195	\$49,730
Legacy & Family Interest	\$6,017,200	68	\$88,490
Directors' Discretionary	\$220,000	40	\$5,500
Support of Philanthropy	\$112,560	15	\$7,500
Community Pediatrics Training Initiative	\$0	0	\$0

2008 Grants - Mid-Hudson Valley

Habitat for Humanity

Esther McGowan helps with the renovation of 14 E. Parmenter Street by painting spindles.

Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh



Arts, Culture and Humanities Dutchess County Arts Council

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant amount: \$1,250
- Project Term: July 2008-December 2009
- Towards a study of the 'creative ecosystem' of Dutchess County, which includes creative artists, their audience or market, and the infrastructure that supports artist and brings their work to the public.

New York Stage & Film Company

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: June 2008-May 2010
- Towards support for the free Readings Festival performances during the Powerhouse Theater season at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie.

Hudson River Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- Towards the making of a series of short films about the Hudson River in honor of the 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial.

George Washington University

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: November 2008-June 2009

- Continued support for the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, to make Eleanor Roosevelt's written and audio-visual record accessible to scholars, teachers, students, policy makers, and the general public.

Marist College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: March 2008-April 2009
- Towards an oral history of the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge to be researched and compiled by the Hudson River Valley Institute.

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$32,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Hudson River Playback Theatre

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$32,000
- Project Term: September 2008-February 2010
- Renewed support towards a program that uses theatre as a means of integrating recent immigrants into the communities of the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: April 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,500
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Support for activities and projects related to the NYS Quadricentennial Celebration and the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$125,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2010

- A two year capital grant towards the expansion of the Center's building.

Hudson Opera House

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2009
- For general operating support

Dutchess County Arts Council

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support and the 2008 and 2009 Arts Funds.

Dia Art Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$195,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2011
- Multi-year support for Dia's public education and outreach programs.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$600,000
- Project Term: June 2006-June 2011
- A supplemental capital renovations grant for key facility improvements at the Bardavon (supplemental to a capital grant originally awarded in June of 2002).

Bardavon 1869 Opera House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,324,000
- Project Term: July 2006-June 2010
- A two-part grant for operating and capital support of a merger between the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie and the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,351,845
- Project Term: July 2002-June 2010
- Multi-year support of the Children's Performance Program, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, endowment and capital improvements.

Economic Development

Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$300,000

- Project Term: July 2007-June 2010
- Towards developing and implementing a micro-lending program for low-income entrepreneurs in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Education

After-School Corporation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,000
- Project Term: January 2008-August 2008
- Continued support towards technical assistance for several Dyson Foundation grantees who are developing after-school programming in underserved areas of Columbia and Greene Counties.

Young Rhinebeck

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2008
- Continued support for the Life, Learning & Language program, an after-school program for Rhinebeck elementary school students whose families do not speak English as their first language.

Treasure Chest Literary Trust

- Pleasant Valley, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2008
- Support for Treasure Chest magazine, a publication of art, poetry, and fiction by Dutchess County elementary and middle school students.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: June 2008-May 2009
- To support field trips for Dutchess County public school children.

Vassar College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$12,000
- Project Term: October 2008-December 2008
- Towards a Diversity Conference sponsored by the Poughkeepsie chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Young Rhinebeck

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: August 2008-July 2010
- Multi-year support for the Life, Learning & Language program, an after-school program for Rhinebeck elementary school students whose families do not speak English as their

first language.

Student Advocacy

- Elmsford, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: May 2008-December 2009
- Towards educational advocacy for economically disadvantaged students in Putnam County.

First Presbyterian Church of Millerton

- Millerton, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: November 2007-October 2010
- A three-year grant towards the church's English as a Second Language classes for residents of northeastern Dutchess County and surrounding areas, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as a Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Nubian Directions II

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$33,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2008
- Towards the ASPIRE after-school program which provides technology-based activities for middle and high school youth.

Neighborhood Economic And Cultural Activity Program

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: November 2008-August 2009
- Towards after-school and summer programming provided by the organization at the New Hope Community Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Nubian Directions II

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$36,500
- Project Term: October 2008-May 2009
- Toward the ASPIRE after-school program, which provides technology and work-readiness activities for middle and high school youth.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2009
- Continued multi-year support for the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills & Enrichment after-school program and the Summer Literacy Program for elementary school children.

Empire State College

- Saratoga Springs, NY

- Grant Amount: \$49,800
- Project Term: November 2008-June 2011
- Towards the Nursing Scholars Program, which provides a low-cost, online Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) program for working nurses who wish to further their education.

Ulster Literacy Association

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2009
- A two-year grant to support ESL programming, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as a Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Literacy, Inc.

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: September 2007-August 2009
- Towards early literacy programs for children in Hudson, New York.

Center of the Square

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$105,000
- Project Term: November 2007-October 2010
- A three-year grant towards the cooking-themed ESL in the Kitchen program, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as a Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Culinary Institute of America

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$125,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2011
- A multi-year grant towards scholarships for Hudson Valley students who could not otherwise afford to attend the Culinary Institute.

Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: September 2006-August 2009
- Towards the construction of the Panichi Family Center for Communication and Learning to house the Beacon sites of St. Francis' Preschool Program and Center for Communications Disorders.

Kildonan School

- Amenia, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: June 2007-June 2010

- Continued multi-year scholarship support for children from Dutchess County and Mid-Hudson Valley counties.

Cornell University

- Ithaca, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Scholarship support for the 2008-2009 academic year for students from Dutchess County.

North East Community Council

- Millerton, NY
- Grant Amount: \$165,000
- Project Term: September 2007-August 2010
- Towards continued multi-year support for their after-school programming for students in grades K-8 in northeastern Dutchess County.

Hudson Area Association Library

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$180,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2010
- A three-year grant towards the English as a Second Language Family Literacy Program, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Family Services

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$180,000
- Project Term: July 2006-June 2009
- Multi-year funding for the Teen Resource Activity Center, an after-school drop-in center, and other programming for teens in Poughkeepsie.

Arlington Education Foundation

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$194,000
- Project Term: April 2007-March 2010
- Multi-year support for the Charles Johnson Legacy Project, a character education and diversity appreciation program for Arlington High School students.

Beacon Community Center

- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: \$195,000
- Project Term: November 2007-October 2010
- A three-year grant towards the Beacon English Language Learners program, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as a Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

State University of New York at New Paltz

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$225,000
- Project Term: November 2007-October 2010
- A three-year grant towards a weekend language immersion program for English language learners, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as a Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Dutchess Community College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$225,000
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2011
- A three-year grant towards English as a Second Language programming, funded through the Foundation's 2007 initiative to expand and enhance English as Second Language services in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

State University of New York at New Paltz

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$252,000
- Project Term: September 2007-August 2010
- Continued multi-year scholarship support for community college students from the Mid-Hudson Valley transferring to SUNY New Paltz to complete their B.A. in education.

Bard College

- Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$300,000
- Project Term: September 2008- August 2011
- Continued multi-year scholarship support for students from the Mid-Hudson Valley counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, and Ulster.

Kildonan School

- Amenia, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2018
- Towards the creation of an endowment fund for scholarships for students from Dutchess and adjacent counties.

Vassar College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$600,000
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2011
- A multi-year grant towards a program for Poughkeepsie High School students to improve college readiness and increase the number of students who attend college.

Environmental

Black Rock Forest Consortium

- Cornwall, NY

- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: May 2008-August 2008
- Scholarship support for economically disadvantaged high school students from Orange County to attend the Field Ecology Research Internship Program.

American Farmland Trust

- Saratoga Springs, NY
- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: December 2008-November 2009
- Toward farmland preservation technical assistance to Mid-Hudson Valley towns and counties.

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

- Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Continued support for the Museum's 'Symbols of New York' in-school education program for all Newburgh public school fourth graders.

Winnakee Land Trust

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: December 2008-November 2009
- Towards technical assistance on conservation subdivision planning and green building for local municipal boards and others.

Dutchess Land Conservancy

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: April 2001-May 2011
- Multi-year support for a matching grant that will help this organization to purchase development rights to area agricultural land.

American Farmland Trust

- Saratoga Springs, NY
- Grant Amount: \$196,000
- Project Term: December 2005-December 2008
- For general operating support of the Northeast Regional Office which addresses farmland loss in the Hudson Valley, and towards forming a Hudson Valley Agricultural Development Corporation.

Scenic Hudson

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$375,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

The Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries

- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,740,000
- Project Term: December 2003-December 2008
- Multi-year capital funding towards the development of this scientific and research institution.

Health Care Services

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Towards a collaborative research project with the nationwide network of Planned Parenthood affiliates to better understand the needs of Planned Parenthood's clients.

Lighthouse International

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: December 2008-November 2009
- Towards vision rehabilitation services for Mid-Hudson Valley senior citizens with moderate to severe vision loss.

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Project

- Hurleyville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$43,000
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2009
- Support for a mobile dental health program for children in Ulster County.

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation

- Lagrangeville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Continued support of the Gap Care Fund, which provides funds for life emergencies and expenses not covered by health insurance for those undergoing treatment for breast cancer in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

American Cancer Society

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: June 2008-December 2010
- Towards increased medical transportation assistance for cancer patients in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties.

AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS)

- Hawthorne, NY
- Grant Amount: \$80,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$90,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2010
- A multi-year grant towards the development and implementation of a palliative care program within Orange County in collaboration with Orange Regional Medical Center and Bon Secours Community Hospital.

PEOPLE, Inc.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$140,000
- Project Term: January 2008- December 2009
- A two-year grant towards the coordination and implementation of suicide prevention education and awareness efforts in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$300,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2009
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Kingston Hospital

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$370,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2011
- Towards the implementation of a patient safety and quality assurance program in the Kingston Hospital.

Health Quest

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2011
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary, to enhance and upgrade medical information technology throughout the Health Quest system, including Northern Dutchess, Vassar Brothers, and Putnam Hospitals.

Human Services

Meals on Wheels Wappingers Falls

- Wappingers Falls, NY

- Grant Amount: \$7,000
- Project Term: October 2008-December 2009
- Towards rental assistance.

Community Resources and Service Center

- Pawling, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Support for the transportation program for senior citizens in the Pawling area.

YWCA of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,500
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- For the Youth Leadership Development Institute, which fosters leadership in Ulster County youth by engaging them to serve on boards of public benefit organizations.

Woodstock Area Meals on Wheels

- Woodstock, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,500
- Project Term: July 2007-December 2009
- A multi-year grant to cover the cost of food containers for this home delivery meal service for home-bound seniors and the disabled in Ulster County.

Oakwood Friends School

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: June 2007-June 2009
- Support for the 2007 and 2008 Summer Youth Advocacy Program, a two-week summer training program for youth aged 13 - 18, focused on increasing understanding of the political process, political advocacy, and civic participation.

Hunger Action Network of New York State

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- To increase the number of Dutchess County residents receiving food stamp benefits, and to increase the number of children participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

Safe Harbors of the Hudson

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: September 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project

- Poughkeepsie, NY

- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: June 2008-May 2010
- Support for the Food Share project, which provides fresh produce to food pantries and economically disadvantaged families in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Family of Woodstock

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: September 2006-December 2008
- Towards security deposits, utility costs, minor repairs and other costs associated with helping homeless families in Ulster County find permanent housing.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: March 2008-December 2008
- Continued support for the Green Teen Community Gardening Program, an after-school and summer program for youth from the cities of Poughkeepsie and Beacon that focuses on nutrition, agriculture, food justice, financial management, and entrepreneurship.

Community Action of Greene Count

- Catskill, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- Towards emergency food, heating, and housing assistance for economically disadvantaged Greene County residents.

Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$33,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Continued support for the Marathon Project, a mentoring program for teens that teaches healthy lifestyles through running.

YMCA of Middletown

- Middletown, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- Support for a Saturday night drop-in center for 'Tweens and Teens, which provides recreational programs, leadership development, and mentoring to Middletown youth between the ages of 10 and 17.

Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Support for Mid-Hudson Valley participants in the Girls' Leadership Workshop, a summer

youth development program.

Angel Food East

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$36,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2009
- Continued multi-year support of a hot meals delivery program for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$36,200
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2009
- Towards increasing the organization's capacity for recruitment, enrollment, and screening of volunteer mentors and children applying for a mentor.

Westchester Housing Fund

- Hawthorne, NY
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2009
- A two-year grant for support of a portfolio manager to oversee the organization's affordable housing lending in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Transart & Cultural Services

- West Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Continued support for the 'Behind the Beat: Intro to Jazz' youth development program for the Kingston High School community.

Resource Center for Accessible Living

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- Towards services to support and advocate for Ulster County public school students with disabilities.

Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: March 2008-February 2009
- Support for the Community Center's programming for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and their families in the Hudson Valley.

United Way of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$60,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2011

- Support for Project HOPE, a mentoring program for low-income women living in Ulster County focused on helping women achieve self-sufficiency.

Columbia Opportunities

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$60,000
- Project Term: June 2007-May 2009
- Continued multi-year support for the Community Services Program, providing assistance to low-income individuals and families in Columbia County who are hungry, homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Child Abuse Prevention Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$60,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2009
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$75,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- Towards the creation of a ten year plan to address homelessness in Dutchess County.

Community Services Programs

- Wappingers Falls, NY
- Grant Amount: \$75,000
- Project Term: November 2008-June 2009
- Towards planning costs related to the renovation of a low-income housing complex in Orange County.

Hudson River Housing

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$85,000
- Project Term: May 2008-April 2010
- Support for the River Haven program, which provides a continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth including outreach, emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, and life skills training.

Hands On! The Hudson Valley

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$90,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

- White Plains, NY
- Grant Amount: \$100,000

- Project Term: January 2008-December 2009
- Multi-year renewal support for the Children's Advocacy Program, which provides children in Dutchess County with legal representation around education, health care, public benefits and family matters.

Children's Media Project

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$110,000
- Project Term: June 2007-May 2009
- For after-school and summer programs for youth focusing on media arts and education.

Workers' Rights Law Center of New York

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$120,000
- Project Term: October 2007-September 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

Astor Services for Children & Families

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$120,000
- Project Term: April 2007-March 2009
- A two-year grant towards a bilingual parent-infant educator for the Early Childhood Coordinated Services Initiative.

American Red Cross of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$125,000
- Project Term: January 2007-June 2009
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Dutchess Outreach

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$140,000
- Project Term: October 2006-October 2009
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Abbott House

- Irvington-on-Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: September 2007-August 2009
- A two-year grant for continued support of an intensive in-home foster care placement prevention program.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

- Pleasantville, NY

- Grant Amount: \$155,000
- Project Term: August 2008-December 2009
- Towards non-traditional programming for girls from Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Ulster Counties.

Mediation Center of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$165,000
- Project Term: April 2007-March 2010
- Multi-year support of 'Wise Talk', a mediation program for senior citizens and their families.

Grace Smith House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$180,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2009
- Towards children's programming at Grace Smith House's shelters for victims of domestic violence.

Center for Creative Education

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$180,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2011
- For general operating support.

Mill Street Loft

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$210,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2008
- Multi-year support for arts-oriented youth development programming, including Project ABLE, ABILIDAD, and PASSWORD programs.

Rural Ulster Preservation Company

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$220,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2010
- A two-year grant for a foreclosure prevention program to assist homeowners from Dutchess and Ulster Counties who are in danger of losing their homes.

Rural & Migrant Ministry

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$225,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Housing Resources Of Columbia County

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$290,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Towards predevelopment costs for workforce and senior housing developments in Millerton and Copake, NY.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$450,000
- Project Term: July 2006-June 2009
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Management Technical Assistance

Athens Cultural Arts Center

- Athens, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,200
- Project Term: March 2008-August 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a financial management review.

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: October 2008-October 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Mental Health Association in Putnam County

- Brewster, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: September 2008-December 2008
- Towards the development of a website.

The Arts Community

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: August 2008-November 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a community needs and market assessment.

Phillies Bridge Farm Project

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: June 2008-August 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for capital campaign planning.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

- Great Barrington, MA
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: May 2008-October 2009
- Support for the Stronger Futures Project, an 18-month professional development and capacity building program for nonprofit organizations.

Community Action of Greene County

- Catskill, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,200
- Project Term: April 2008-July 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

Hudsonia Limited

- Red Hook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2007-November 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for financial management and technology systems review.

Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society

- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,000
- Project Term: January 2008-April 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for business planning.

Stone Ridge Library Foundation

- Stone Ridge, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,400
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for resource development planning.

Reach Center

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,400
- Project Term: May 2008-July 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

Taconic Resources for Independence

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,500
- Project Term: January 2008-April 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Saint Anthony Counseling and Health Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,500

- Project Term: August 2008-January 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development and business planning.

Alzheimer's Association

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,700
- Project Term: September 2003-September 2004
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for legal costs associated with a merger process.

Hudsonia Limited

- Red Hook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: August 2008-November 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for an assessment of Hudsonia's fund development and marketing strategies.

Child Care Council of Dutchess

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: May 2008-October 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Oblong Land Conservancy

- Pawling, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,300
- Project Term: April 2006-October 2007
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Hudson River Playback Theatre

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,300
- Project Term: June 2008-September 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Jewish Family Services of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,800
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning and for staff training.

Habitat For Humanity of Columbia County

- Chatham, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,800

- Project Term: October 2008-January 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Independent Living Inc

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning and for staff training.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

- Pleasantville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,000
- Project Term: May 2008-August 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Huguenot Historical Society

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,500
- Project Term: February 2008-July 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for business planning.

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

- Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,500
- Project Term: December 2008-November 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for planning of a membership development program, and also for staff training.

Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,500
- Project Term: November 2008-November 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

- Great Barrington, MA
- Grant Amount: \$6,500
- Project Term: July 2008-July 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Town of Walkill Boys and Girls Club

- Circleville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$7,000
- Project Term: May 2008-June 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$7,500
- Project Term: June 2006-May 2007
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for organizational assessment and fund development planning.

Ulster County Community Action Committee

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: September 2008-February 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Greene County Historical Society

- Coxsackie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: February 2008-January 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for program planning.

Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: June 2008-October 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning, and for a training conference for board and executive staff members.

Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,000
- Project Term: June 2008-September 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Dispute Resolution Center

- Goshen, NY
- Grant Amount: \$8,200
- Project Term: July 2006-December 2006
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

- Cold Spring, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,000
- Project Term: September 2008-February 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for program planning.

Hudson Valley Materials Exchange

- Modena, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,000

- Project Term: June 2008-January 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development and business planning.

Hudson River Housing

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,000
- Project Term: March 2008-August 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for business planning.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,000
- Project Term: February 2008-September 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for program planning.

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$9,500
- Project Term: July 2008-September 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for organizational assessment and planning.

YWCA of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: February 2008-June 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Wilderstein Preservation

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: June 2009-October 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a fundraising feasibility study.

Wallkill Valley Land Trust

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: May 2008-April 2009
- Support for a study on land conservation needs in Ulster County and organizational capacity to meet those needs.

Transart & Cultural Services

- West Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: April 2008-July 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for business planning and a capital

campaign feasibility study.

Orange County Land Trust

- Middletown, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: January 2008-April 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for marketing and communications planning.

Orange County Citizens Foundation

- Sugar Loaf, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: October 2008-March 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for resource development planning.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: February 2008-June 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for fund development planning and related board training.

Hudson Area Association Library

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: August 2007-December 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Grace Smith House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: June 2008-November 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Dutchess County Arts Council

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: July 2008-October 2008
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for organizational assessment and planning.

Camphill Village U.S.A.

- Copake, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: December 2008 February 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for an assessment of the organization's development efforts.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- Towards a feasibility study to assess the potential for addressing the needs of five Roosevelt-related park partners in a collaborative manner.

Putnam Family and Community Services

- Carmel, NY
- Grant Amount: \$17,000
- Project Term: March 2008-December 2008
- Towards the planning of a merger between this organization and Putnam Family Support and Advocacy, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$17,000
- Project Term: January 2009-June 2009
- Support for a business analysis.

Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Orange County

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$32,000
- Project Term: May 2008-December 2008
- Towards the planning of a merger of between Literacy Volunteers chapters in Eastern and Western Orange County, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Newburgh Performing Arts Academy

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$33,000
- Project Term: December 2008-June 2010
- Towards the planning of a merger with another Newburgh nonprofit, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Putnam Family and Community Services

- Carmel, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: May 2008-December 2008
- A grant to facilitate the integration of two Putnam County nonprofits in the process of merging (Putnam Family and Community Services, and Putnam Family Support and Advocacy), as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

American Red Cross of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: January 2008-June 2008

- A planning grant for a merger between Red Cross chapters in Dutchess and Ulster Counties, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: October 2008-June 2009
- Towards the costs of an executive search to recruit and hire a new chief staff officer.

Families First New York

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2009
- Support for an executive transition process.

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$55,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- Support for continuation of the Roosevelt Partners Marketing Project, a strategic marketing campaign to boost attendance at and increase visibility of Roosevelt historic sites in Hyde Park, NY.

Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$55,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- Support for continuation of the Roosevelt Partners Marketing Project, a strategic marketing campaign to boost attendance at and increase visibility of Roosevelt historic sites in Hyde Park, NY.

Columbia Memorial Hospital

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: December 2007-November 2009
- Towards technology-related patient service enhancements including Electronic Medical Records, bar-coding and others.

Other

Pace University School of Law Land Use Law Center

- White Plains, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008

- Toward an affordable housing training program for leaders in Columbia & Greene counties.

Philanthropy, Volunteerism & Grantmaking

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: November 2008-November 2008
- Support for a Philanthropy Day workshop for nonprofits.

United Way of Ulster County

- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: \$7,200
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2011
- For general operating support.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

- Great Barrington, MA
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Philanthropy New York

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$44,838
- Project Term: December 2007-December 2009
- Towards programming for the Funders Network of the Mid-Hudson Valley.

United Way of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: November 2008-June 2009
- Towards the 2008 United Way Community Fund Campaign.

Community Foundation of Orange County

- Montgomery, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009

- For general operating support.

United Way of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$100,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Towards the renovation of the organization's 19th century building in downtown Poughkeepsie.

Vassar College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$176,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2008
- Multi-year support for the Community Service Summer Internship program, which gives Vassar College students an opportunity to spend the summer working in Poughkeepsie-based nonprofit organizations.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

- Great Barrington, MA
- Grant Amount: \$250,000
- Project Term: April 2006-December 2011
- A challenge grant to help build the endowment of the Northeast Dutchess Fund (an area fund) of this community foundation.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2012
- For general operating expenses to launch the Ulster County Community Foundation and towards matching grant funds to encourage unrestricted giving to the Community Foundation by new donors.

Public Policy

Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

Recreation & Sports

Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-April 2008
- For general operating support to assist with additional expenses due to the increased momentum of the project to convert the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge to a pedestrian walk and bikeway.

Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: June 2008-August 2008
- For general operating support to assist with additional expenses due to the increased momentum of the project to convert the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge to a pedestrian walk and bikeway.

Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: September 2008-February 2009
- For general operating support to assist with additional expenses due to the increased momentum of the project to convert the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge to a pedestrian walk and bikeway.

Ramapo for Children

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$100,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2010
- A two-year grant towards summer camp scholarships for Dutchess County children with special needs.

Ramapo for Children

- Rhinebeck, NY
- Grant Amount: \$165,000
- Project Term: November 2005-October 2008
- Multi-year support towards Ramapo's summer camps, weekend retreats, and other programming for disadvantaged, special-needs children from Dutchess County.

Bergmann Associates

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,000,000
- Project Term: September 2007-February 2009
- For an engineering and design study of the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, as a first step towards Walkway Over the Hudson's plans to turn the bridge into a pedestrian park spanning the Hudson River between Dutchess and Ulster counties.

Support of the Non-Profit Sector

New York Council of Nonprofits

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: \$27,500
- Project Term: May 2008-April 2009
- Towards merger negotiations with the Support Center for Nonprofit Management, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

New York Council of Nonprofits

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: \$300,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2010
- Renewed multi-year support of a multi-disciplinary management support center for nonprofits in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

2008 Grants - Legacy and Family Interest

Habitat for Humanity

Esther McGowan helps with the renovation of 14 E. Parmenter Street by painting spindles.

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Anne E. Dyson Community Pediatrics Training Initiative

American Academy of Pediatrics

- Elk Grove Village, IL
- Grant Amount: \$92,127
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Renewal funding to support the national program management activities of the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (also known as the 'Dyson Community Pediatrics Training Initiative'). This is the final grant for this national project.

Arts, Culture & Humanities

Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward New Year's Eve celebrations in Millbrook.

New York Public Library

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: May 2008-April 2009
- For support of the research libraries.

New York City Ballet

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000

- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Pilobolus Dance Theatre

- Washington Depot, CT
- Grant Amount: \$22,500
- Project Term: October 2007-October 2010
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

New York City Opera

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Boston Arts Academy

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: \$90,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2010
- A multi-year grant for general operating support in honor of David Nathan, M.D.'s board service to the Dyson Foundation.

American Ballet Theatre

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$250,000
- Project Term: August 2006-July 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Pierpont Morgan Library

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: June 2006-May 2011
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary, towards the renovation and expansion of the Pierpont Morgan Library, in memory of Franklin H. Kissner.

American Museum of Natural History

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2014
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Education

Millbrook Free Library

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Dorothy E. Albertson Foundation for Little People

- Pleasant Valley, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Save at Risk Children for Corporate America

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

Elmira College

- Elmira, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Community Family Development

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Prep For Prep

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grace Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: September 2008-August 2011

- A multi-year grant towards partial scholarships for children attending the Millbrook Community Preschool at Grace Church.

Teach for America

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- For general operating support.

Millbrook Central School District Educational Foundation

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

City Year New York

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$45,000
- Project Term: July 2006-June 2009
- Multi-year support for New York programming.

High Mowing School

- Wilton, NH
- Grant Amount: \$75,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Marietta College

- Marietta, OH
- Grant Amount: \$100,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Millbrook School

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2010
- Capital funding towards a new math and science building.

Washington and Lee University

- Lexington, VA

- Grant Amount: \$1,000,000
- Project Term: November 2004-November 2009
- Multi-year support to enhance the teaching of Spring Term courses as part of the academic calendar.

Marietta College

- Marietta, OH
- Grant Amount: \$5,000,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2011
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary, towards the construction of a new college library to be known as the Learning and Library Resource Center.

Cornell University

- Ithaca, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2013
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary, for the creation and endowment of the Dyson Scholars program in the Department of Applied Economics and Management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Pace University

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$7,500,000
- Project Term: January 2006-December 2012
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary to: fund scholarships; to create the Dyson Student Opportunities Fund; and for the renovation of the Dyson School laboratories.

Environmental

Sailors For The Sea

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- Renewal support towards a documentary film about ocean acidification entitled 'A Sea Change'.

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

- Ithaca, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: April 2004-April 2009
- Multi-year support for 'Sights and Sounds of America's Birds,' a multimedia initiative, which will capture on video and audio the diagnostic behaviors and vocalizations of all North American birds.

Arlington Education Foundation

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$108,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- Towards the purchase and installation of solar panels at Arlington High School.

Health Care Services

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation

- Lagrangeville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500
- Project Term: May 2008-May 2009
- Support for the Miles of Hope Family Fun Run.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

- Wappingers Falls, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: June 2008-May 2009
- For general operating support.

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Project Term: June 2006-May 2011
- Towards a professorship in pediatric retinal disease.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: \$750,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2011
- Renewed multi-year funding to support breast cancer clinical trials and the research of Eric P. Winer, MD.

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

- New York, NY

- Grant Amount: \$5,000,000
- Project Term: December 2005-December 2010
- A grant in recognition of the Dyson Foundation's 50th Anniversary, to the Ophthalmology Department, which will name the Ophthalmology floor in the new Ambulatory Care and Medical Education Building in honor of the Dyson Family.

Human Services

Catharine Street Community Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Northern New York Community Foundation

- Watertown, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2009
- For the Coats, Hats, and Boots for Children program in Northern New York.

Lewis County Opportunities

- Lowville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2009
- Towards assistance for families experiencing fuel or utility emergencies.

Grace Smith House

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Dutchess Outreach

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$20,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For support of the Lunch Box and other food programs.

Children's Home of Poughkeepsie

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009

- For general operating support.

Hole in the Wall Gang Fund

- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: December 2008-November 2009
- For general operating support.

Families First New York

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support (\$25,000), and towards the reorganization of FFNY (\$25,000).

Family Services

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$65,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$75,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Other

Dutchess County SPCA

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Public Policy

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: September 2008-May 2009

- For general operating support.

William J Brennan Jr Center for Justice

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

Center for Progressive Leadership

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$50,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

New School University

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$120,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2011
- A multi-year grant towards a series of roundtable discussions about the campaigns for the top elected offices in New York City and New York State, to be held at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy.

Tides Foundation

- San Francisco, CA
- Grant Amount: \$200,000
- Project Term: November 2008-October 2009
- Continued general operating support of the Third Way Institute, a project of the Tides Center which focuses on policy research and communications projects to develop and support progressive public policy.

Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$200,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

Media Matters for America

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$250,000
- Project Term: November 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Center for Independent Media

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$250,000
- Project Term: May 2007-April 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

Media Matters for America

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$600,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2011
- For general operating support.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000,000
- Project Term: January 2005-January 2009
- Multi-year support towards public policy work and e-technology enhancements which are part of the Power the Promise Campaign for Planned Parenthood.

Recreation & Sports

Arlington Education Foundation

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$227,000
- Project Term: April 2007-March 2008
- Towards an artificial surface baseball field at Arlington High School.

Washington and Lee University

- Lexington, VA
- Grant Amount: \$250,000
- Project Term: July 2007-June 2012
- Towards the renovation and refurbishment of the Wilson Field athletic facility.

Religion Related

Verbank United Methodist Church On the Green

- Verbank, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Saint Joseph's Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Lyll Memorial Federated Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grace Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grace Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,600
- Project Term: January 2007-December 2009
- Funding to underwrite annual rent and related activities of the Millbrook Senior Citizen's Club.

Grace Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: July 2008-June 2009
- For general operating support.

Grace Church

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: \$180,000

- Project Term: January 2006-December 2008
- Multi-year support of the Church's youth ministry program.

Reproductive Health Care

Third Wave Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$30,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2009
- Support for the Emergency Abortion Fund, which assists young women in covering the costs associated with obtaining an abortion.

Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: October 2008-September 2009
- For general operating support.

Community Catalyst

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: \$40,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- Continued support for the MergerWatch project, which works with communities to guard against the loss of reproductive health care services that may result from hospital mergers.

Education Fund of Family Planning Advocates of New York State

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: \$150,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

National Women's Law Center

- Washington,, DC
- Grant Amount: \$375,000
- Project Term: May 2007-April 2010
- Continued multi-year support of a project examining legal strategies to prevent hospital mergers which threaten women's reproductive health services.

2008 Grants - Directors' Discretionary

Habitat for Humanity

Esther McGowan helps with the renovation of 14 E. Parmenter Street by painting spindles.

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Arts, Culture, & Humanities

Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums

- Hemet, CA
- Grant amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: February 2008-February 2009
- For general operating support.

New 42nd Street Inc.

- New York, NY
- Grant amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the New Vic in the Classroom program, where trained teaching artists from the New Victory Theater provide classroom workshops to teachers and students on performance arts.

New York Stage & Film Company

- New York, NY
- Grant amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the Apprenticeship Program.

New York City Center

- New York, NY
- Grant amount: \$35,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Education

Syracuse University

- Syracuse, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Towards the Law Library.

Literacy Connections - Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward Project Read, a program that sends volunteer readers into the classrooms of young children to provide positive, interactive experiences with books and reading.

Booker T. Washington Learning Center

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: October 2008-October 2009
- For general operating support.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward educational programs.

Loyola School

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: November 2008-November 2009
- For general operating support.

Horizons National Student Enrichment Program

- New Canaan, CT
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Dutchess Community College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support of the Dutchess Community College Foundation.

Columbia University Continuing Education and Special Programs

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: April 2008-April 2009
- Toward scholarship support for the 2008 summer program for high school students.

Browning School

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: November 2008-November 2009
- For general operating support.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: September 2008-September 2009
- Toward the Inner-City Scholarship fund.

Marist College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: February 2008-February 2009
- Toward endowing the Marjorie H. Clark Lecture on Ethics and the Law.

Environmental

Polar Bears International

- Sebastopol, CA
- Grant Amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward research projects.

New York Restoration Project

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward educational programs.

Health Care

Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers

- Poughkeepsie, NY

- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: September 2008-September 2009
- Support for the Saint Francis Hospital Foundation.

Healthcare Chaplaincy

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: August 2008-August 2009
- Toward the Lawrence Toal Scholarship.

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation

- Lagrangeville, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the Gap Care Fund, which provides funds for life emergencies and expenses not covered by health insurance for those undergoing treatment for breast cancer in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

New York University Medical Center

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: October 2008-October 2009
- Toward breast cancer clinical studies.

Human Services

Port Chester Carver Center

- Port Chester, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: October 2008-October 2009
- Toward teen related programs.

New York Cares

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the annual coat drive, which provides winter coats to disadvantaged New Yorkers.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Towards John Flowers' community programs.

Dress For Success Worldwide

- New York, NY

- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term:
- December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the purchase of new suits for disadvantaged women returning to or entering the workforce.

City Harvest

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward food purchases.

Susie Reizod Foundation

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the purchase of new shoes for children in need.

Puppies Behind Bars

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the sponsorship of a puppy, which will be raised by trained prison inmates to become a service dog for the disabled or a law enforcement canine.

Joe Torre Family Foundation For Margaret

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward Margaret's Place programs in New York.

Association of Hole in the Wall Gang Camps

- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: \$3,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward camp scholarships for children who suffer from serious illnesses.

Posse Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009

- For general operating support.

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation

- Port Washington, NY
- Grant Amount: Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Association of Hole in the Wall Gang Camps

- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Island Harvest

- Mineola, NY
- Grant Amount: \$10,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- Toward the Kids Alliance - Weekend Food to Go program for students who are at risk of hunger in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Other

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

- Shrewsbury, NJ
- Grant Amount: \$2,500
- Project Term: November 2008-November 2009
- For general operating support.

American Agora Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

American Agora Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Public Policy

People for the American Way Foundation

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Recreation & Sports

YMCA Camp Ockanickon

- Medford, NJ
- Grant Amount: \$7,500
- Project Term: October 2008-October 2009
- Toward the rebuilding of the dams.

Religion Related

Saint Cabrini Home

- West Park, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: August 2008-August 2009
- For general operating support.

Holy Rosary Parish

- Staten Island, NY
- Grant Amount: \$2,000
- Project Term: September 2008-September 2009
- Toward the Italian Apostolate.

Saint Martin de Porres

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: \$18,000
- Project Term: February 2008-February 2009
- Toward the parish's bicentennial campaign.

2008 Grants - Support of Philanthropy

Habitat for Humanity

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Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees

- Sebastopol, CA
- Grant Amount: \$1,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Grants Managers Network

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: August 2008-July 2009
- For general operating support.

Funders Network On Population, Reproductive Health & Rights

- Rockville, MD
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Environmental Grantmakers Association

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$1,500
- Project Term: August 2008-July 2009
- For general operating support.

Neighborhood Funders Group

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$2,000

- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

National Center for Family Philanthropy

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$3,500
- Project Term: March 2008-February 2009
- For general operating support.

Environmental Grantmakers Association

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,000
- Project Term: June 2008-May 2009
- Towards their 2008 Fall Retreat located in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Grantmakers Forum of New York

- Rochester, NY
- Grant Amount: \$4,500
- Project Term: July 2008-July 2009
- For general operating support.

Philanthropy New York

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$5,000
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Foundation Center

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: \$6,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Independent Sector

- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: \$12,500
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

Center for Effective Philanthropy

- Cambridge, MA

- Grant Amount: \$15,000
- Project Term: July 2006-June 2009
- For general operating support.

GuideStar

- Williamsburg, VA
- Grant Amount: \$25,000
- Project Term: April 2008-March 2009
- For general operating support.

Council on Foundations

- Arlington, VA
- Grant Amount: \$34,500
- Project Term: January 2008-December 2008
- For general operating support.

2008 Board & Staff

Day in Our Shoes

Congressman Maurice Hinchey poses for a photo with children of Community Voices Heard (CVH) members at the start of their "Day in our Shoes Tour" in March 2009. The tour was planned by CVH members to draw attention to the urgent needs of inner-city Newburgh, and the need to divert funding to provide decent low-income housing and accountable community development.

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2008 General Funding Guidelines

Habitat for Humanity

The Zion Youth Group of Long Valley, New Jersey, helps to frame a house at 105 Washington Street in Newburgh.

Photo credit: courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh



The Dyson Foundation awards grants in several different program areas that each have specific guidelines. The Foundation's primary program area is the [Mid-Hudson Valley](#). Other program areas include a Legacy & Family Interests and a [Directors' Discretionary Program](#). Unsolicited proposals or inquiries are not considered in certain program areas so potential applicants should review the program descriptions carefully.

All applicants should be aware of the following **general guidelines** that apply to **all** program areas:

- As a private foundation, we can only fund organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code (as long as those organizations are not classified as private foundations under Section 509(a) of the code). In addition, we cannot direct payments through a fiscal agent in lieu of an organization having 501(c)(3) designation. If you have questions about these policies, please [email](#).
- We do not make grants to governmental units (such as fire districts or municipalities).
- We are sorry but we cannot make grants directly to individuals for any purpose.
- There are certain types of grants that we will not consider:
 - For dinners, fundraising events, tickets, or benefit advertising (read our [Statement about Special Events Funding](#));
 - In response to direct mail campaigns;
 - For international projects;
 - To service clubs and similar organizations;
 - For debt or deficit reduction.

Applicants should apply to the Dyson Foundation on the basis of **these guidelines**, not on the basis of what or whom the Foundation may have funded in the past. The Foundation's interests are ever-changing, becoming more focused, or even shifting entirely to a new area in response to an emerging need.

Policy on nondiscrimination

The Dyson Foundation will not award grant support to organizations that, in their constitution, bylaws, or practices, discriminate against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or religious belief. Grantees may target services to a particular population when the targeted groups require specialized programs to meet specific needs not shared by the general population.

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Summer Leadership Program

Each year Rural & Migrant Ministry (RMM) offers a variety of summer leadership programs for rural and migrant youth in the Hudson/Catskill region, camps, internships and a leadership academy. To help fund the program a group of congregations joined with students from the Culinary Institute of America to put together a walk-a-thon and lunch.

Photo courtesy of Rural & Migrant Ministry



The Dyson Foundation has worked to make our grant application process as streamlined and informative as possible to assist you in your search for funding. We recommend you follow these steps:

1. **Learn about our funding:** By reviewing our [general funding guidelines](#) and [program areas](#).
2. **Determine if you meet our eligibility criteria:** By using our online [eligibility questionnaire](#).
3. **Submit a letter of inquiry or Management Assistance Program (MAP) application:**

If you are applying for new or renewal project support or general operating support, submit a letter of inquiry. This is a concise way to tell us about your project so that we can determine whether to invite you to send us a full proposal. We encourage all applicants, including those who are new to the Dyson Foundation *and* current or past grantees, to submit our [online letter of inquiry](#).

If you are applying for a Management Assistance Program mini-grant or for a Preliminary Exploration grant through our Strategic Restructuring Initiative, use our [Management Assistance Program application](#). This brief form provides the Foundation with most of the information necessary to quickly review your request for a capacity building grant.

4. **You will receive an acknowledgement** of the receipt of your letter of inquiry or Management Assistance Program application by e-mail or postal mail.

Download and complete our [letter of inquiry](#) or [Management Assistance Program grant application](#) and submit it by either email, postal mail, or fax. No handwritten applications, and all information should be complete. Please do not submit a full proposal unless invited to do so after submitting a letter of inquiry.

If you would like to talk with a Foundation program officer before submitting your letter of

*inquiry or Management Assistance Program grant application, please feel free to call. However, our experience is that we can have more informed and helpful conversations **after** an initial letter of inquiry has been reviewed.*

If, on the basis of a letter of inquiry or Management Assistance Program application a proposed project or request appears to address key Dyson Foundation interests, you will be invited to submit additional information or a fully developed proposal. Foundation staff will generally work closely with applicants on developing an acceptable proposal and related materials.

Each proposal will be evaluated on its own merits according to the following criteria:

- Closeness of fit with the Foundation's program priorities and values;
- Significance of the need to be addressed;
- Potential to achieve significant and enduring results;
- Capacity of the applicant to accomplish its goals and objectives; and
- Appropriateness of the budget.

During the review, representatives of the Foundation will research the proposal through telephone inquiries, site visits, and meetings with agency staff, board, volunteers, and clients as necessary. On occasion, outside experts may be asked to help review a particular proposal. Foundation staff prepare written proposal summaries and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The time required to review a proposal varies according to the complexity of the proposal itself, the problem being addressed, and the number of proposals being reviewed. Generally, it can take at least six months from the time a letter of inquiry is received to the actual award of a grant, although the Foundation strives to be as expeditious as possible in its review of inquiries and proposals. The directors of the Dyson Foundation meet quarterly, at which time they consider the funding recommendations of the staff. There are no pre-set deadlines for submission of materials.