

Summary of Grants Awarded by the Eastview Community Foundation

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Highland Elementary Artists in Residence

The Artists-In-Residence Program gives students a real-life connection to various art forms through opportunities to participate and work directly with an artist. The artists work together with the educators to design comprehensive experiences for students. An example is first graders developing and creating an imaginary bird character and sharing its story, which helps strengthen literacy skills in retelling. There are 570 children in Grades 1 through 5 who benefit from this program.

Oak Ridge Elementary/Eastview High School Science Collaboration

This program will initially benefit 120 Fourth graders and Eastview High School (EVHS) chemistry students. EVHS students will mentor 4th grade students at Oak Ridge Elementary School in Chemistry. The funds will cover start up costs of two microscopes, introductory set of slides and bus transportation costs for the 4th graders to visit the high school chemistry classes to meet their high school mentors in a laboratory situation. The hope is to expand the program to include other grades, which will be done at minimal cost.

Black Hawk Middle School 8th Grade Courage Retreat

This grant will fund a retreat for 345 8th graders. Towards the end of 8th grade, the 8th grade students attend Youth Frontiers "Courage Retreat" which is held in an off site location in the Eagan community. The themes are building courage in students, developing respect for each other, character building, and building a sense of community. Eastview High School students also participate in this retreat as facilitators of small group discussions, encouragers of fun, and role models of positive high school behavior.

Eastview High School Theatre Department Edinburgh International Fringe Festival 2006

Eastview High School is one of the top 30 schools in the nation chosen to represent American high school theater at the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival, the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Approximately 60 Eastview students will perform in a show that will represent Minnesota, performed for an international audience. This grant will be used for students who need financial assistance in order to be able to participate.

Diamond Path Elementary Cultural Competency Initiative

This grant benefits 558 students. Through the arts, the Diamond Path community will embrace diversity through the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Clementine Hunter art exhibit, Festival of Nations event and Multicultural lyceums.

Scott Highlands Middle School PRIDE

There are 788 students attending Scot Highlands who will be impacted by this project. The focus of the project is to update the school and enhance it in a way that more accurately reflects and supports what is happening in the classroom. The school is adding 800 linear feet of walls, and wants to break up carpeted walls and add color and life to the building. Included in the project are plans to purchase poster series and banners that promote character, achievement, self-esteem, and diversity. To improve what is currently a difficult layout to navigate, hallways will also be prominently labeled.