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Not long ago I spoke to a group of Hudson Valley business leaders about the role of corporate philanthropy during the current economic downturn. Opinions may vary on how quickly we are recovering from the economic crisis that began in 2008, but I believe that corporations and businesses can and should continue to support their communities through charitable giving and those investments will boost their bottom lines many times over.

A recent report, Shaping the Future: Solving Social Problems Through Business Strategy, from the business consulting group McKinsey & Company, states that companies who survive economic hard times will be the ones who find ways to engage in solving social and environmental problems. Traditional philanthropy is not enough, it says. Corporations need to find opportunities to use their business skills to advance social causes. The Chronicle of Philanthropy quotes from a McKinsey director who says that “If you do that well, it is also good for business.”

Whether it’s viewed as enlightened self-interest or just the right thing for a company to do, corporate philanthropy simply makes sense. And there has never been a more critical time for companies to innovate while making charitable contributions in the communities in which they operate.

As I have written in this space before, as a business person myself, I believe that nonprofit organizations are among the most important resources that we have in our communities. They do the critical work of feeding the hungry, taking care of the sick, and housing the homeless. From recreational facilities to senior citizens’ centers, to mental health services and after-school programs...if nonprofits can’t perform their vital functions, then the community suffers. Whole communities become less attractive places to work and live. If it were not for nonprofits, the government would be even more overburdened than it is now. And so many functions of the nonprofit sector are not the province of government anyhow.

No doubt about it, we are all suffering during the current economic recession. But the nonprofit sector has been hit harder than most. A June 2010 report from Guidestar, a leading nonprofit resource, found that 40% of all nonprofit organizations are experiencing reduced contributions so far this year, while at the same time an even greater number (63%) are seeing increased demand for services. And it is many of the same organizations that serve those most affected by the economy that are suffering the most; the report found that mental health, crisis intervention, and housing organizations are seeing the greatest decreases in financial support and increased need for their services.

The same report found that 8% of all nonprofits surveyed felt that their organizations were in imminent danger of closing because of the economy. In our own region here in the Hudson Valley, we have seen youth and community centers shuttered, senior citizens programs closed, victim services agencies dissolved – just during the last 18 months. Some of the area’s hospital emergency rooms report that visits are up 10% - largely because so many people are putting off preventive care because of cost, or because they can’t afford to see their private doctors.

Local health and social services departments have cut back dramatically on funding services in their counties. Their budgets are stressed to the seams because of the many mandated services they are funding – but these are the very safety net services that many of our neighbors have turned to after being laid off or losing their health insurance. In 2009, one local county saw an increase in Medicaid caseloads of 13% and a 19% increase in requests for food stamps.

But in the Hudson Valley and beyond, I also see forward-thinking companies recognizing that focused, intelligent, LOCAL giving can have a profound impact upon the communities in which they do business. Remember, you don’t have to be a member of Bill Gates’ and Warren Buffett’s Giving Pledge group to have an impact.

Our region is full of examples of corporate philanthropy undiminished by the current financial downturn. For instance, the Stewarts Corporation, which operates hundreds of convenience stores throughout eastern New York State, has boldly dedicated 5% of its profits to charities located in its operating territory, including most of the Hudson Valley. In 2010, Stewarts plans to donate $2.25 million to local charities through a combination of direct monetary contributions, donations of products in support of events, and matching contributions through its “Holiday Match Program,” in which customers’ donations to various local causes are matched dollar-for-dollar by the corporation.
The Ulster Savings Bank Charitable Foundation is another in a long list of corporate supporters of nonprofit initiatives in our region. In addition to donating to a range of charitable causes—such as a recent $30,000 donation to The Children's Annex in Kingston—in its operating territory, the bank's foundation offers Learning Initiatives for Educators (LIFE) grants, a focused program designed to encourage teachers to gain new training and expertise in their areas of concentration. This is especially important when schools are cutting back on training and development.

Another regional bank, Rhinebeck Savings Bank, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year by offering a "Random Acts of Kindness" campaign. In April, the bank's representatives pleasantly surprised Dutchess Outreach board members when they delivered 150 $20 Stop & Shop gift certificates to be given out to Dutchess Outreach's Food Pantry clients. It was "a little something extra" for needy families and it demonstrates how small, personal donations can have a big impact.

Creative businesses, no matter how small or how large, can find ways of giving back to their communities. A great local restaurant in Pawling, McKinney & Doyle Fine Foods, sponsors regular "Stimulus Sandwich" contests in which customers get to create a new sandwich to be featured on the restaurant's menu, and all proceeds are donated to a local charity.

A Poughkeepsie-based law firm, McCabe & Mack LLP, has established another kind of giving tradition. They opened a donor-advised fund with the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, and the staff of McCabe & Mack, instead of giving each other holiday gifts, contribute to the fund and then decide as a group which charities to support.

There are too many examples to list here, but the concept is clear. Business leaders are increasingly recognizing their responsibility to be good stewards within the communities in which they operate. More and more they are engaging customers and residents in helping to direct their philanthropy, creating a bond between client and company that might not have been there before. And business leaders are recognizing the opportunity associated with intelligent giving, that focused philanthropy can make the communities in which they do business stronger and more resilient in the long run.

I hope that more companies see the wisdom of investing in their communities' nonprofit work. It will only accrue to their benefit in the long run.

Robert R. Dyson
The Year in Review

Grantmaking

The Dyson Foundation’s grantmaking in 2009 continued to reflect the austerity brought on by the lingering global recession that took root in 2008. The Foundation held to its revised giving guidelines throughout the year, restricting new grants to programs involving core health care, human services, safety-net services (housing, food security, and emergency assistance), workforce development, and after-school programs for low-income children and youth. While honoring all pre-existing pledges in 2009, the Foundation awarded no new grants to environmental, historic preservation, capital improvement, or arts organizations—unless the projects were deemed to be critically related to economic development opportunities.

Given the dramatic reduction in the Foundation’s investments due to the recession, fiscal prudence guided grantmaking in 2009, resulting in a total grants outlay of $15,150,675 for the year. This represented about 5% less than the 2008 year-end total of $16,016,829, and 45% less than the 2007 year-end total of $27,316,126. Grant payments already committed in prior years represented over 70% of all grant funds in 2009, a significant increase over the typical ratio of approximately 50% of grant dollars being committed before the beginning of the year. New grantmaking in 2009 totaled $5,302,975, representing a sizeable 57% reduction from the $12,211,218 committed to new grants in 2008.

The Foundation paid on 275 grants to 202 different nonprofit organizations in 2009. Individual grant payments made in 2009 ranged from $1,000 to $1,000,000 with a mean payment of $52,780 and a median grant payment of $20,000. The mean and median figures rose to $57,750 and $25,000, respectively, when Management Assistance Program (MAP) mini-grants were deducted from the totals. Of the 275 grants paid out during the year, 22 grants (or 11% of the total) were awarded to new grantee organizations and 91 grants represented multi-year pledges.

The Mid-Hudson Valley Grants program continued to represent the largest area of giving in 2009, receiving $8,428,650 or 56% of the Foundation's total outlay for the year. That amount was down slightly from the previous year in which the Mid-Hudson Valley program (which targets nonprofit organizations located in Dutchess County and the surrounding counties of Ulster, Orange, Columbia, Greene and Putnam) represented 60% of all Foundation giving. Legacy & Family Interest Program grants totaled $6,401,800 in 2009, representing a slight increase from the previous year’s giving under the program. The Legacy & Family Interests program, which funds unsolicited grants awarded at the discretion of the Dyson family, represented 42% of the Foundation’s overall funding. 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.

Of the new grants awarded in the Mid-Hudson Valley Grants Program in 2009, the Dyson Foundation committed a larger percentage of its giving to cover grantees’ general operating expenses than ever before, providing many Mid-Hudson Valley nonprofits with core funding needed to address increasing caseloads and decreasing revenues from other sources. Grants designated for general operating expenses increased to 22% of Mid-Hudson Valley program giving in 2009, growing from 14% in 2008 and 9% in 2007. This flexible funding helped many established Mid-Hudson Valley nonprofits provide a range of “safety net” services for the region’s residents. Some examples of nonprofits receiving general operating support included: the Family Partnership Center of Poughkeepsie, the Mental Health Association of Dutchess County, the Grace Smith House, Habitat for Humanity of Newburgh, Putnam Family and Community Services, and Dutchess County Red Cross.
The Mid-Hudson Valley Program accounted for 162 of the 275 grants the Foundation made in 2009 with project support and management assistance grants the most common type of grant awarded. However, building and renovation grants accounted for the largest share of all grant dollars allocated by category at $2,235,000 or 27% of all funds awarded in the program. This is a notable shift from the prior year, primarily due to a number of large payments made in 2009 on the Dyson Foundation’s 50th anniversary grants, as well as final payments towards several previously-committed Mid-Hudson Valley capital projects. These included an addition to the Dyson Center at Marist College, renovations of the Bardavon Opera House, and construction of the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries.

The Dyson Foundation saw its multi-year investment in the effort to transform the former Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge into an elevated pedestrian and cycling park materialize on Oct. 3, 2009, when the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park opened to great public acclaim. The Walkway project received $690,000 from the Foundation in 2009 as part of its preliminary $2.1 million overall commitment. In addition, the Foundation provided significant staff and management support to the capital campaign and construction effort. By year’s end, the Walkway had already attracted nearly 250,000 visitors, making it one of the state’s most popular parks.

The Foundation’s Management Assistance Program (MAP) awarded 42 grants in 2009 totaling $784,200, an increase of $144,500 over the 2008 allocation in this category. Of the 42 MAP grants awarded, 28 were mini-grants, totaling $166,400 and representing a significant decrease of 56% from the $297,700 awarded in 2008. Under the MAP category, the Foundation also awarded 15 grants totaling $277,800 through the Strategic Restructuring Initiative (SRI). This represents an increase of 36% from $204,500 in 2008. The Foundation also made $350,000 in payments on an unusually large restructuring grant to support the merger between the Bardavon and the Ulster Performing Arts Center (not included in the total above).

Other Foundation Activities

In January, the Dyson Foundation joined with the Community Foundation of Dutchess County/Ulster County Community Foundation, the Funders Network of the Mid-Hudson Valley and the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (NYRAG) in presenting a free seminar for Mid-Hudson Valley nonprofit leaders featuring Clara Miller, President and CEO of the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF). Ms. Miller’s presentation—“Managing Your Nonprofit Organization in Lean Times”—offered insights from her 25 years leading NFF’s efforts to help nonprofits become more fiscally responsible. Against the backdrop of a deepening national recession, the event drew hundreds of concerned nonprofit leaders.

Ms. Miller’s presentation was followed by a series of seven seminars held throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Berkshires that offered nonprofit leaders critical advice and guidance on how to manage all aspects of their nonprofit organizations during stressful financial periods. The lecture series was sponsored by the Dyson Foundation, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County/Ulster County Community Foundation, and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

In November, the Dyson Foundation presented a free workshop designed to assist nonprofit leaders considering strategic restructuring, collaborations, alliances or mergers. Nationally-renowned expert David La Piana conducted the workshop at the Poughkeepsie Grandview and offered one-on-one sessions with nonprofit managers who were actively engaged in strategic restructuring at the time.

Also in November the Foundation launched its newly redesigned website. This new site was designed to be more readable, easier to navigate and to offer easier access of information and resources to grantseekers who we recognize are the primary “customers” of the Dyson Foundation.

Governance

In 2009, Christopher C. Dyson, son of board chair Rob Dyson and grandson of the Foundation’s founders, Margaret and Charles Dyson, was elected Treasurer.

The Board of Directors conducted its business through four meetings in 2009. The June board meeting was held at the newly renovated Marist Boathouse and included a site visit to the soon to be opened Walkway Over the Hudson. Joining the board were guests from our partner in the Walkway project, the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Carol Ash, Commissioner, and Erik Kulisek, Deputy Commissioner for Open Space Preservation. The board also heard a presentation on a recent workforce housing study funded by the Dyson Foundation which examined future needs and demographic projections in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties. The study was discussed by Roger Akeley and Anne Saylor from the Dutchess County Department of Planning.
In December the board met at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY and heard about future expansion plans from Dr. Daniel Aronzon, President and CEO of the hospital and Michael Weber, President and CEO of Health Quest Inc. (the hospital’s parent organization). At that meeting, the board also participated in a discussion about governmental consolidation and shared services efforts and opportunities in New York State. Presentors for this discussion included John Clarkson, Office of the New York State Comptroller, former Executive Director of the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness; Gerald Benjamin, Associate Vice President for Regional Engagement and Director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz; and Peter Fairweather, Principal of Fairweather Consulting.

Investments

At the end of 2009, the total market value of the Foundation’s investment portfolio was $261 million, which represented an increase of $33 million over its market value at the end of 2008. The Dyson Foundation’s approximate return, net of management fees, was $50.36 million, an increase from 2008, which registered a net loss of $105.63 million.
2009 Financial Information

Grant Appropriations and Payments

In 2009, the Dyson Foundation paid out grants totalling $15,154,175. New approved grants, net of cancellations and amendments, were $5,302,975. The Foundation incurred administrative costs of $1,934,418.

Investment Income

The 2009 net* investment income was $50.36 million, an increase from 2008 which registered a net loss of $105.63 million.

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

Assets

The fair market value of the Foundation's assets at the end of 2009 was $265 million, of which $261 million represents the investment portfolio. The overall increase in assets from December 31, 2008 was $33.5 million.

(Source for investment income and assets: 2009 Dyson Foundation audit)

To view the Dyson Foundation’s most recent 990-PF, [download].
2009 Grantmaking Program

In 2009, the largest portion of grant dollars (56%) was paid under the Mid-Hudson Valley program area, down slightly from 60% in 2008. Fiftieth Anniversary grants account for $540,000 of the $8,428,650 in Mid-Hudson Valley grants paid. Grants paid under the Legacy & Family Interest program area represented 42% of the total grantmaking in 2009, up slightly from 38% in 2008. Fiftieth Anniversary grants account for $3,600,000 of the $6,401,800 in Legacy & Family Interest grants paid. Directors’ Discretionary grants and Support of Philanthropy grants each represent about 1% of the Foundation’s total grantmaking, which is the same as in 2008.

Grants by Type of Support

In 2009, the grants most frequently paid by type of support were project support grants, followed by general operating support; grants for management assistance rounded out the top three categories by type of support in terms of number of grants. This is unchanged from the prior year.

In terms of dollars paid, building / renovation grants represented the largest category, accounting for 30% of the total for the year. This is a notable shift from the prior year, primarily due to a number of large payments made in 2009 on 50th anniversary grants, as well as the Foundation’s final payments towards several Mid-Hudson Valley capital projects including an addition to the Dyson Center at Marist College, renovations of the Bardavon, and construction of the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries. Project support and general operating support grants each represented the next largest dollar amount as a percentage of grants at 22% each. All other categories combined represent 26% of the total grant dollars paid for the year.

Mid-Hudson Valley Grants by Type of Support, 2008 & 2009

Of the 275 grants made in 2009, 162 were Mid-Hudson Valley grants. The type of grants most frequently paid in the Mid-Hudson Valley were project support grants followed by management assistance grants.

In terms of dollar amount, building / renovation grants equaled 27% of the total Mid-Hudson Valley grant dollars closely followed by project support grants at 26%. Again, this is a notable shift from the prior year, when project support grants made up 49% of total Mid-Hudson Valley grant dollars (see prior page for discussion of this change). General operating support grants grew to 22% of total grant dollars, which is a significant increase over the prior two years. General operating support grants made up only 9% of total Mid-Hudson Valley grant dollars in 2007, and 14% in 2008.

Legacy & Family Interest Grants by Type of Support, 2008 & 2009

Of the 275 grants paid in 2009, 65 were Legacy & Family Interest grants. The type of grants most frequently paid in this program area were grants for general operating support.
Directors’ Discretionary Grants by Type of Support, 2008 & 2009

Of the 275 grants paid in 2009, 35 were Directors’ Discretionary grants, of which 48% were for general operating support.

In terms of dollar amount, building / renovation grants accounted for 36% of the total grantmaking in this area. General operating support accounted for 23% of the grant dollars. Project support and endowment support each accounted for 16%, and scholarship grants accounted for 8% of the total grantmaking in this program area.
Funding Program for the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State

Funding for the Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking program focused on core priorities throughout 2009 as the Foundation enacted new giving guidelines that were designed, wherever possible, to support the basic needs of the region’s residents. As the worldwide recession brought stark new realities to the Mid-Hudson Valley, the Foundation augmented its funding for basic needs programming and general operating support to established nonprofits delivering much-needed basic services to an overly stressed population. Of the $8,428,650 in Mid-Hudson Valley grant dollars paid in 2009, basic needs programming accounted for $3,130,500—a significant increase over previous years’ allocations in this area.

In 2009, the Foundation’s support for basic needs programming ran the gamut of core services to the community, from education and literacy to emergency services and healthcare. The Foundation continued to make the Mid-Hudson Valley program its greatest priority in terms of total outlay, contributing 56% of its funds to the program. The largest share of Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking was invested in educational programs, representing 21% of grant dollars awarded in the region. Despite a change in guidelines that shifted its giving away from the arts during the recession, support for Arts, Culture & Humanities programs accounted for 19% of Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking, mainly due to residual funding commitments from previously awarded multi-year pledges. Human Services programs accounted for 17% of Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking, with a substantial investment in Other Health and Other Human Services programs, including mental health, reproductive health, and health access and education programs, senior services, family support, job training, and preventive services.

In keeping with the Foundation’s intentions, the Mid-Hudson Valley program allocated 54% of its overall funding to programs targeting Dutchess County residents. Another 27% of the Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking portfolio went to “Region-wide” programs that delivered services to two or more of the counties covered by the Mid-Hudson Valley program. Those counties include Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Orange, Ulster, and Putnam. Programs specifically targeting Ulster County residents accounted for 13% of the Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking portfolio while Orange County received 5%. Columbia, Greene, and Putnam counties together accounted for the final 3% of the Dyson Foundation’s Mid-Hudson Valley grantmaking in 2009.

Management Assistance Program

Mini-Grant Program

In the Mid-Hudson Valley’s Management Assistance Program (MAP), which is designed to help nonprofit organizations improve their efficiency and overall operations, the Foundation awarded 42 grants totalling $784,400. Of these, 28 were mini-grants of $10,000 or less, totalling $166,400 for capacity-building consultancies or trainings and representing a significant 56% decrease from the prior year’s allocation of $397,700. Requests for funds for capacity building activities have fluctuated over the past years. There is an increased demand for these funds in one year followed by a year of decreased demand.

Strategic Restructuring Grants
The MAP program also featured 15 Strategic Restructuring Initiative grants totalling $277,800 in 2009, an increase of 36% from the $204,500 allocated to the program in 2008. Strategic Restructuring grants increased significantly for the third year in a row, reflecting the Foundation’s growing commitment to support efforts to improve operating efficiency and reduce redundancy in the region’s nonprofit community. The Foundation also made $350,000 in payments on an unusually large restructuring grant to support the merger between two regional arts organizations (not included in the total above).

**Cash Flow Loan Program**

The Foundation made new cash flow loans to two Mid-Hudson Valley organizations in 2009. These loans are intended to provide bridge funding against fully-approved contracts, grants, or loans.
2009 Grantmaking Program

Legacy & Family Interest Grants

The majority of Legacy & Family Interest grant dollars, about 45%, went towards Education. Grants for Health Care Services represented 22%. Grants made in the area of Public Policy represented 17% of grant dollars in 2009, the third largest program area.
2009 Grantmaking Program

Directors' Discretionary Grants

Directors’ Discretionary grant dollars in 2009 went largely towards Education (36%), followed by Arts, Culture & Humanities (23%) and Human Services (16%).
2009 Grants - Mid-Hudson Valley

Arts, Culture & Humanities

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: June 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: June 2002-June 2010
- Multi-year support of the Children's Performance Program, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, endowment and capital improvements.

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

Dutchess County Arts Council
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,000
- Project Term: October 2009-October 2009
- Towards the cost of a jumbotron to be placed in the town of Lloyd, to increase public accessibility of opening day events for the Walkway Over the Hudson.

**Dutchess County Arts Council**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $150,000
- Project Term: December 2007-December 2009
- A two-year grant for general operating support and the 2008 and 2009 Arts Funds.

**Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute**

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $300,000
- Project Term: September 2008-December 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**Hudson Opera House**

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: $40,000
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010
- Towards after-school and children's programming.

**Hudson Opera House**

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

**Hudson River Playback Theatre**

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: $32,000
- Project Term: August 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.

**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: $20,000
- Project Term: December 2009-June 2010
- Towards benchmarking the Museum against similar institutions around the country, and for the development of an earned income plan.

**Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $150,000
- Project Term: March 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.
Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $305,000
- Project Term: December 2006-June 2008
- Towards acquiring the lease of the museum’s pavilion space, and towards the cost of producing a cast of the Hyde Park Mastodon to be located in the pavilion.

Mill Street Loft

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $150,000
- Project Term: September 2008-December 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

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.

Economic Development

Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $1,750
- Project Term: November 2009-October 2009
- Towards the cost of a jumbotron to be placed in Poughkeepsie’s Waryus Park, to increase public accessibility of opening day events for the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: $19,000
- Project Term: August 2009-July 2010
- Towards planning for hiring a development director between a group of three-four nonprofit organizations, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: $300,000
- Project Term: June 2007-June 2010
- Towards developing and implementing a micro-lending program for low-income entrepreneurs in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $550,000
- Project Term: August 2009-August 2010
- For the purchase and remediation of property at the east end of the Walkway Over the Hudson bridge in Poughkeepsie.

Education

Arlington Education Foundation

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

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

**Beacon Community Center**
- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: $65,000
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010
- Towards after-school youth programming.

**Beacon Community Center**
- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: $195,000
- Project Term: September 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.

**Center of the Square**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $105,000
- Project Term: September 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.

**Child Care Council of Dutchess**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $11,000
- Project Term: January 2009-May 2009
- Towards an assessment of restructuring options for a group of child care councils in the Mid-Hudson Valley, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**Community Foundation of Dutchess County**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $7,000
- Project Term: August 2009-June 2010
- To support field trips for Dutchess County public school children.

**Community Foundation of Dutchess County**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $9,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2010
- A two-year grant toward a Parent University program in the Beacon City School District to support parent involvement, information sharing, and communication with the district.

**Cornell University**
- Ithaca, NY
- Grant Amount: $150,000
- Project Term: September 2009-June 2010
- Scholarship support for the 2009-2010 academic year for students from Dutchess County.
Culinary Institute of America

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $125,000
- Project Term: December 2006-December 2011
- A multi-year grant towards scholarships for Hudson Valley students who could not otherwise afford to attend the Culinary Institute.

Dutchess Community College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $225,000
- Project Term: March 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.

Empire State College

- Saratoga Springs, NY
- Grant Amount: $49,800
- Project Term: September 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.

First Presbyterian Church of Millerton

- Millerton, NY
- Grant Amount: $30,000
- Project Term: September 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.

Hudson Area Association Library

- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: $180,000
- Project Term: September 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.

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.

Kildonan School

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

Literacy Connections - Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $12,000
• Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
• Toward program supplies for adult and family literacy programming.

Marist College

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,000,000
• Project Term: September 2003-December 2011
• A multi-year capital grant for the construction of an addition to the Dyson Center.

Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties

• Hudson, NY
• Grant Amount: $68,000
• Project Term: June 2009-June 2014
• Towards an after-school program for elementary school children in the Catskill Central School District.

Neighborhood Economic And Cultural Activity Program

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $40,000
• Project Term: October 2009-August 2010
• Continued support for their after-school and summer programs for elementary and middle-school children.

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.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $30,000
• Project Term: October 2009-August 2010
• Continued support for the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center’s after-school and summer programs for elementary school children.

State University of New York at New Paltz

• New Paltz, NY
• Grant Amount: $225,000
• Project Term: September 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.

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.

Student Advocacy

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

**Ulster BOCES**

- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: July 2009-December 2009
- Towards an assessment of the feasibility of a regional approach to procurement and shared services, as part of the Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Environmental**

**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.

**Scenic Hudson**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $375,000
- Project Term: April 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**

**AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS)**

- Hawthorne, NY
- Grant Amount: $50,000
• Project Term: September 2009-October 2010
• For general operating support.

American Cancer Society

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

Breast Cancer Options

• Kingston, NY
• Grant Amount: $15,000
• Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
• Towards peer support groups for women with breast cancer.

Health Quest

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $5,000,000
• Project Term: December 2005-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.

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties

• Newburgh, NY
• Grant Amount: $90,000
• Project Term: December 2007-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.

Kingston Hospital

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

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $25,000
• Project Term: June 2009-December 2009
• For general operating support.

People, Inc.

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $140,000
• Project Term: December 2007-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: $100,000
• Project Term: December 2009-June 2010
• For general operating support.

**Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley**

• Poughkeepsie, NY  
• Grant Amount: $300,000  
• Project Term: December 2006-December 2009  
• A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers**

• Poughkeepsie, NY  
• Grant Amount: $50,000  
• Project Term: September 2009-June 2010  
• Towards the Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse through Primary Education (PADAPE) in-school educational program.

**Human Services**

**American Red Cross of Dutchess County**

• Poughkeepsie, NY  
• Grant Amount: $10,000  
• Project Term: April 2009-December 2009  
• Towards an assessment of possible shared services with another local Red Cross chapter, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**American Red Cross of Dutchess County**

• Poughkeepsie, NY  
• Grant Amount: $125,000  
• Project Term: December 2006-June 2009  
• A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**American Red Cross of Dutchess County**

• Poughkeepsie, NY  
• Grant Amount: $195,000  
• Project Term: March 2009-June 2012  
• A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**Angel Food East**

• Kingston, NY  
• Grant Amount: $36,000  
• Project Term: December 2006-December 2009  
• Continued multi-year support of a hot meals delivery program for persons with HIV/AIDS.

**Astor Services for Children & Families**

• Rhinebeck, NY  
• Grant Amount: $45,000  
• Project Term: April 2009-March 2010  
• To support a bi-lingual parent-infant educator to work with families in the Early Childhood Coordinated Services Initiative.

**Beacon Community Center**

• Beacon, NY  
• Grant Amount: $27,000  
• Project Term: December 2009-March 2010  
• For general operating support.

**CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc.**
• Carmel, NY
  • Grant Amount: $10,000
  • Project Term: July 2009-July 2010
  • Towards the School-to-Work program in Putnam County, which assists young people with disabilities in preparing for and finding employment after high school.

Center for Creative Education

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

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $60,000
  • Project Term: September 2006-December 2009
  • A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Children’s Media Project

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $40,000
  • Project Term: September 2009-August 2010
  • Towards their DROP-TV after-school and summer programming for teens.

Community Resources and Service Center

• Pawling, NY
  • Grant Amount: $8,000
  • Project Term: June 2009-June 2010
  • Support for the transportation program for senior citizens in the Pawling area.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

• Millbrook, NY
  • Grant Amount: $110,000
  • Project Term: December 2008-December 2011
  • Continued multi-year 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.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County

• Middletown, NY
  • Grant Amount: $40,000
  • Project Term: July 2009-July 2010
  • Towards the purchase of a refrigerated box truck for the Gleaning Program, which coordinates the donation and distribution of food items from farmers who have unharvested or surplus crops.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

• Kingston, NY
  • Grant Amount: $50,000
  • Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
  • Towards the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPPP), which provides support, education, and other services to grandparents and other relatives who have become primary caregivers for children.

Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County
Poughkeepsie, NY  
Grant Amount: $150,000  
Project Term: September 2008-December 2011  
Multi-year support for the Marathon Project, which promotes positive behaviors for youth through distance running training and mentoring.

Dutchess Outreach

- Poughkeepsie, NY  
- Grant Amount: $40,000  
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010  
- For general operating support.

Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill

- Hyde Park, NY  
- Grant Amount: $50,000  
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010  
- Continued support for Mid-Hudson Valley participants in the Girls' Leadership Workshop, a summer youth development program.

Family of Woodstock

- Kingston, NY  
- Grant Amount: $50,000  
- Project Term: March 2009-December 2010  
- Continued support for the Homeless Assistance Project, which provides for security deposits, utility costs, minor repairs and other costs associated with helping homeless families in Ulster County find permanent housing.

Family Partnership Center

- Poughkeepsie, NY  
- Grant Amount: $100,000  
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010  
- For general operating support.

Family Services

- Poughkeepsie, NY  
- Grant Amount: $37,500  
- Project Term: June 2009-December 2009  
- For general operating support.

Grace Smith House

- Poughkeepsie, NY  
- Grant Amount: $180,000  
- Project Term: December 2006-December 2009  
- Towards children's programming at Grace Smith House's shelters for victims of domestic violence.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh

- Newburgh, NY  
- Grant Amount: $75,000  
- Project Term: December 2009-June 2010  
- For general operating support.

Hands On! The Hudson Valley

- Hyde Park, NY  
- Grant Amount: $90,000
Project Term: December 2008-December 2011
A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**Hillside Food Outreach**

- Thornwood, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: June 2009-June 2010
- Towards the purchase of food and equipment to provide home-delivered supplementary food to Putnam County residents who cannot access food pantries themselves.

**Hopewell Reformed Church**

- Hopewell Jct., NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: March 2009-April 2010
- Towards the Community Maintenance Program, which provides free or low-cost home repairs to low-income homeowners in the greater southern Dutchess County area.

**Hudson River Housing**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $85,000
- Project Term: March 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.

**Legal Services of the Hudson Valley**

- White Plains, NY
- Grant Amount: $100,000
- Project Term: December 2007-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.

**Martin Luther King Cultural Center**

- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: $25,000
- Project Term: March 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

**Mediation Center of Dutchess County**

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

**Oakwood Friends School**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: June 2009-May 2010
- Support for the 2009 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.

**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.

Putnam Family and Community Services
- Carmel, NY
- Grant Amount: $15,500
- Project Term: April 2009-December 2009
- A grant to support and enhance the integration of two recently merged Putnam County nonprofits (Putnam Family and Community Services, and Putnam Family Support and Advocacy), as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Rural & Migrant Ministry
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $225,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2011
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Rural Ulster Preservation Company
- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: $220,000
- Project Term: September 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.

United Way of Ulster County
- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: $60,000
- Project Term: June 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.

Woodstock Area Meals on Wheels
- Woodstock, NY
- Grant Amount: $8,500
- Project Term: October 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.

Workers’ Rights Law Center of New York
- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: $50,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- Towards outreach to, and advocacy and legal services for low-wage workers in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

YMCA of Middletown
- Middletown, NY
- Grant Amount: $35,000
- Project Term: October 2009-September 2010
- Support for a Saturday night drop-in center for ‘Tweens and Teens, which provides recreational programs, leadership development, and mentoring to Middletown area youth between the ages of 10 and 17.

Management Technical Assistance
Advocates For Exceptional Children Inc.
• Putnam Valley, NY
  • Grant Amount: $5,000
  • Project Term: November 2009-April 2010
  • A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

Alzheimer’s Association

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $2,000
  • Project Term: April 2009-June 2009
  • A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for organizational assessment and planning.

Center for Creative Education

• Kingston, NY
  • Grant Amount: $10,000
  • Project Term: April 2009-October 2009
  • A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for business planning.

Center for Governmental Research

• Rochester, NY
  • Grant Amount: $40,000
  • Project Term: February 2009-March 2010
  • To conduct a compensation review and analysis of salaries and benefits for Dutchess County legislators and senior level executive staff in County offices.

Child Care Council of Dutchess

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $29,000
  • Project Term: July 2009-August 2010
  • Towards the planning of collaborative work &/or shared services between a group of child care councils in the Mid-Hudson Valley, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Child Find of America

• New Paltz, NY
  • Grant Amount: $10,000
  • Project Term: June 2009-November 2009
  • A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for program development.

Children’s Media Project

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $6,500
  • Project Term: November 2009-February 2010
  • A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for program development.

Dutchess County Arts Council

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $10,000
  • Project Term: May 2009-September 2009
  • Towards a feasibility study for the creation of a regionally-based shared arts service program, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Dutchess County Arts Council

• Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $20,000
  • Project Term: September 2009-December 2009
Initiative.

**Dutchess Outreach**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,600
- Project Term: March 2009-June 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

**Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill**

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $6,200
- Project Term: May 2009-August 2009
- Towards the planning of collaborative effort between a group of organizations focused on the Roosevelt and Vanderbilt historic sites, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill**

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $55,000
- Project Term: September 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.

**Family Services**

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,500
- Project Term: July 2009-December 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for resource development planning.

**Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute**

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $55,000
- Project Term: September 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.

**Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association, Inc.**

- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,000
- Project Term: September 2009-April 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development.

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh**

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: January 2009-March 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

**Hillsdale Economic Community Development Corporation**

- Hillsdale, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,000
- Project Term: April 2009-May 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for an affordable housing study and the development of strategies for meeting affordable housing needs in Hillsdale.
In Flight, Inc.
- Germantown, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: October 2009-December 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for an accounting systems review.

Maranatha Human Services
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $7,000
- Project Term: July 2009-December 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for board development and governance review.

Martin Luther King Cultural Center
- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: July 2009-February 2010
- Towards the assessment of a collaboration / merger between BCC and the Martin Luther King Cultural Center, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

Mount Gulian Society
- Beacon, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,000
- Project Term: October 2009-February 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for marketing & communications planning.

New Horizons Resources
- Pleasant Valley, NY
- Grant Amount: $12,000
- Project Term: February 2009-October 2009
- Towards a collaborative purchasing project involving eight Dutchess County nonprofit organizations, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

New York Council of Nonprofits
- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: $7,000
- Project Term: July 2009-August 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

Newburgh Loaves & Fishes
- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: September 2009-June 2010
- Towards an assessment of the potential for collaboration between a group of food pantries in the City of Newburgh, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

People, Inc.
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: July 2009-September 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: December 2009-January 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a review and update of patient revenue and finance record keeping systems.

**Putnam Family and Community Services**
- Carmel, NY
- Grant Amount: $1,500
- Project Term: September 2009-October 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for professional development.

**Reach Center**
- Hudson, NY
- Grant Amount: $24,000
- Project Term: June 2009-November 2009
- Towards transition planning as this organization either merges with another nonprofit or dissolves, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**REAL Skills Network Inc.**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: October 2009-February 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for organizational assessment and planning.

**Solar Energy Consortium**
- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: $41,100
- Project Term: November 2009-January 2010
- Towards assessment of a merger with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering of the University at Albany - SUNY, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**Stanford Free Library**
- Stanfordville, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: August 2009-November 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a campaign feasibility study.

**Stringendo Inc.**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,000
- Project Term: September 2009-January 2010
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a financial management review & training.

**Transart & Cultural Services**
- West Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for a financial systems analysis.

**Ulster County Community Action Committee**
- Kingston, NY
- Grant Amount: $8,300
- Project Term: June 2009-November 2009
- A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for marketing and communications planning.

**Ulster Greene ARC**
Kingston, NY
Grant Amount: $4,000
Project Term: August 2009-October 2009
A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for staff training and development.

**Ulster Literacy Association**

Kingston, NY
Grant Amount: $4,000
Project Term: June 2009-September 2009
A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

**United Way of Orange County**

Montgomery, NY
Grant Amount: $50,000
Project Term: August 2009-December 2009
Support for an assessment of and planning for a possible merger between two United Way’s in the Mid-Hudson Valley, as part of the Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Initiative.

**Wallkill Valley Land Trust**

New Paltz, NY
Grant Amount: $10,000
Project Term: September 2009-July 2010
A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

**Women’s Studio Workshop**

Rosendale, NY
Grant Amount: $8,000
Project Term: February 2009-March 2010
A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for resource development planning.

**Woodstock Guild of Craftsmen**

Woodstock, NY
Grant Amount: $5,000
Project Term: April 2009-October 2009
A Management Assistance Program mini-grant for strategic planning.

**YMCA of Dutchess County**

Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $40,000
Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
Funding to support the organization through the dissolution process.

Other

**Dutchess County SPCA**

Hyde Park, NY
Grant Amount: $300,000
Project Term: September 2007-March 2010
A capital grant towards construction of a new shelter facility and renovation of the existing shelter.

**YMCA of Dutchess County**

Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $37,500
Project Term: July 2009-February 2010
• Continued funding to support the organization through the dissolution process.

Philanthropy, Volunteerism & Grantmaking

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

• Great Barrington, MA
• Grant Amount: $20,000
• Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

• Great Barrington, MA
• Grant Amount: $250,000
• Project Term: March 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: $50,000
• Project Term: October 2009-June 2010
• For general operating support.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $500,000
• Project Term: June 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.

Community Foundation of Orange County

• Montgomery, NY
• Grant Amount: $12,500
• Project Term: March 2009-June 2010
• For general operating support.

Nonprofit Finance Fund

• New York, NY
• Grant Amount: $5,000
• Project Term: February 2009-February 2010
• Toward 'Managing Your Nonprofit in Lean Times', a program with Clara Miller for Mid-Hudson Valley funders and nonprofit organizations.

United Way of Dutchess County

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $50,000
• Project Term: October 2009-June 2010
• Towards the 2009 United Way Community Fund Campaign.

United Way of Dutchess County

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

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

Public Policy

Community Voices Heard

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $50,000
- Project Term: February 2009-December 2009
- Continued support for Community Voices Heard’s work in organizing, training and empowering low-income people in the Mid-Hudson Valley to engage in policy development at the local, state and federal levels.

Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress

- Newburgh, NY
- Grant Amount: $20,000
- Project Term: August 2009-June 2010
- For general operating support.

Recreation & Sports

Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co.

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $140,000
- Project Term: December 2008-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Ramapo for Children

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

Support of the Non-Profit Sector

Cause Effective

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,200
- Project Term: May 2009-July 2009
- Towards a workshop on the topic of special events for the staff of nonprofit organizations in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Community Foundation of Dutchess County

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $12,000
- Project Term: February 2009-July 2009
- For expenses associated with the Spring 2009 Mid-Hudson Valley nonprofit workshop series 'Managing Nonprofits Through Difficult Times.'
New York Council of Nonprofits

- Albany, NY
- Grant Amount: $300,000
- Project Term: December 2007-December 2010
- Renewed multi-year support of a multi-disciplinary management support center for nonprofits in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Other

Partners in Health

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: $20,000
- Project Term: March 2009-December 2009
- For architectural services for non-profits who can't typically afford such work and who most need it, such as the Butaro Hospital in Rwanda, in memory of the Dyson Foundation’s late board member, Michael P. Murphy.
2009 Grants - Legacy & Family Interest

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.

Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health
- Baltimore, MD
- Grant Amount: $100,000
- Project Term: December 2007-March 2011
- Supplemental funding for continued evaluation of the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative through a survey of project-trained physicians.

Arts, Culture & Humanities

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

American Museum of Natural History
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $1,000,000
- Project Term: June 2007-June 2014
- A multi-year grant for general operating support.

Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts
- New York, NY
Grant Amount: $2,500
Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
Toward New Year’s Eve celebrations in Millbrook.

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.

Museum of the City of New York
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $30,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- Support for the exhibit 'Mannahatta / Manhattan: A Natural History of New York'.

New York City Ballet
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

New York City Opera
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $50,000
- Project Term: June 2009-December 2010
- A two-year grant for general operating support.

Pierpont Morgan Library
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $500,000
- Project Term: March 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.

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

Economic Development
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County
- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: $1,100
- Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
- Toward the Millbrook Farmers Market.

Education
Cornell University
- Ithaca, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000,000
- Project Term: December 2005-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.

**Dorothy E. Albertson Foundation for Little People**

- Pleasant Valley, NY
- Grant Amount: $1,000
- Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

**Dutchess Day School**

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: $20,000
- Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

**Elmira College**

- Elmira, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

**Grace Church**

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: $15,000
- Project Term: October 2008-August 2011
- A multi-year grant towards partial scholarships for children attending the Millbrook Community Preschool at Grace Church.

**High Mowing School**

- Wilton, NH
- Grant Amount: $75,000
- Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

**Marietta College**

- Marietta, OH
- Grant Amount: $75,000
- Project term: December 2009-June 2010
- For general operating support.

**Marietta College**

- Marietta, OH
- Grant Amount: $5,000,000
- Project Term: December 2005-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.

**Millbrook Central School District Educational Foundation**

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: $25,000
- Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
- For general operating support.

**Millbrook Free Library**

- Millbrook, NY
Millbrook School

- Millbrook, NY
- Grant Amount: $500,000
- Project Term: June 2006-December 2010
- Capital funding towards a new math and science building.

Pace University

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $40,000
- Project Term: September 2009-June 2010
- Towards a celebration of the 35th anniversary of the naming of the Dyson College of Arts & Sciences.

Pace University

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $7,500,000
- Project Term: December 2005-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.

Health Care Services

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

- Boston, MA
- Grant Amount: $750,000
- Project Term: June 2007-March 2011
- Renewed multi-year funding to support breast cancer clinical trials and the research of Eric P. Winer, MD.

Parkinson’s Disease Foundation

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $25,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- For general operating support.

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

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

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: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $30,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

Community Family Development
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $5,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County
Millbrook, NY
Grant Amount: $10,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
Toward 4H youth programs.

Dutchess Outreach
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $25,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For support of the Lunch Box and other food programs.

Family Services
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $75,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

Grace Smith House
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grant Amount: $5,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

Hole in the Wall Gang Fund
New Haven, CT
Grant Amount: $50,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support.

New Alternatives for Children
New York, NY
Grant Amount: $20,000
Project Term: November 2009-June 2010
For general operating support.

Northern New York Community Foundation
Watertown, NY
Grant Amount: $5,000
Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
For support of Operation Snowstorm, which provides coats and other winter clothing for children in Northern New York.

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church
Wassaic, NY
Grant Amount: $15,000
Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
Support for the church’s food pantry in northeast Dutchess County.

Other
Dutchess County SPCA
Hyde Park, NY
Grant Amount: $35,000
Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
For general operating support ($30,000), and towards new dog beds ($5,000).

Millbrook Engine & Hook & Ladder Company 1
Millbrook, NY
Grant Amount: $15,000
Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
Toward a new tanker fire engine.

Public Policy
Center for Independent Media
Washington, DC
Grant Amount: $62,500
Project Term: December 2009-April 2010
For general operating support.

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

Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington
Washington, DC
Grant Amount: $100,000
Project Term: December 2009-June 2010
For general operating support.

Media Matters for America
Washington, DC
Grant Amount: $600,000
Project Term: February 2008-June 2011
For general operating support.

New School University
New York, NY
Grant Amount: $120,000
• Project Term: May 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.

**Planned Parenthood Federation of America**

• New York, NY
• Grant Amount: $1,500,000
• Project Term: September 2008-June 2013
• A multi-year grant for general operating support.

**Tides Foundation**

• San Francisco, CA
• Grant Amount: $200,000
• Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
• 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.

**William J Brennan Jr Center for Justice**

• New York, NY
• Grant Amount: $25,000
• Project Term: July 2009-June 2010
• For general operating support.

**Recreation & Sports**

**Washington and Lee University**

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

**Religion Related**

**Grace Church**

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $2,500
• Project Term: June 2009-June 2010
• Toward annual fundraising efforts to support community programs.

**Grace Church**

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,000
• Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.

**Grace Church**

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,600
• Project Term: October 2006-December 2009
• Funding to underwrite annual rent and related activities of the Millbrook Senior Citizen’s Club.

**Grace Church**

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $180,000
• Project Term: October 2008-December 2011
• Continued multi-year support for the Youth Ministry Program.

Lyall Memorial Federated Church

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,000
• Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.

Motorsports Ministries

• Santa Rosa, CA
• Grant Amount: $15,000
• Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
• For general operating support.

Saint Joseph’s Church

• Millbrook, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,000
• Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.

Verbank United Methodist Church on the Green

• Verbank, NY
• Grant Amount: $3,000
• Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.

Reproductive Health Care

Education Fund of Family Planning Advocates of New York State

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

National Women’s Law Center

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

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley

• Poughkeepsie, NY
• Grant Amount: $10,000
• Project Term: November 2009-December 2010
• For general operating support.
2009 Grants - Directors' Discretionary

Arts, Culture & Humanities

American Agora Foundation
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: November 2009- November 2010
- For general operating support.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward educational programs.

New York City Center
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $35,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- For general operating support.

New York Stage & Film Company
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward the Apprenticeship Program.

Education

Booker T. Washington Learning Center
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: February 2009-February 2010
- For general operating support.
Browning School

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- For general operating support.

Columbia University Continuing Education and Special Programs

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: March 2009-March 2010
- Toward scholarship support for the 2009 Summer Program for High School Students.

Dutchess Community College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward general operating support for the Dutchess Community College Foundation.

Horizons National Student Enrichment Program

- Norwalk, CT
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: October 2009-October 2010
- Toward general operating support.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- Toward the Inner-City Scholarship fund.

Loyola School

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- For general operating support.

Marist College

- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $25,000
- Project Term: April 2009-April 2010
- Toward endowing the Marjorie H. Clark Lecture on Ethics and the Law.

Northwestern University

- Evanston, IL
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
- For general operating support.

Roundabout Theatre Company Inc

- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward afterschool programs.
Saint Martin de Porres
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
- Toward the continuing education program.

Syracuse University
- Syracuse, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward the Law Library.

Environmental

New York Restoration Project
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,500
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward educational programs.

Health Care Services

New York University Medical Center
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $10,000
- Project Term: March 2009-March 2010
- Toward breast cancer clinical studies.

Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
- Toward the St. Francis Hospital Foundation.

American Red Cross of Dutchess County
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward babysitting workshops for teens.

Association of Hole in the Wall Gang Camps
- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: $3,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward camp scholarships for children who suffer from serious illnesses.

Association of Hole in the Wall Gang Camps
- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: September 2009-September 2010
- For general operating support.
Toward food for the food pantry.

**Families First New York**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,500
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward the John Flowers’ community programs.

**Hole in the Wall Gang Fund**
- New Haven, CT
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: November 2009-November 2010
- For general operating support.

**Hudson River Housing**
- Poughkeepsie, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward River Haven Emergency Shelter and Crisis Services.

**Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship**
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward summer BizCamp for metro New York Chapter.

**Port Chester Carver Center**
- Port Chester, NY
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: March 2009-March 2010
- Toward teen related programs.

**Susie Reizod Foundation**
- New Paltz, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,500
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward the purchase of shoes.

**Other**

**Dutchess County SPCA**
- Hyde Park, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,000
- Project Term: December 2009-December 2010
- Toward Project Hope.

**Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation**
- Shrewsbury, NJ
- Grant Amount: $2,500
- Project Term: March 2009-March 2010
• Medford, NJ
  • Grant Amount: $7,500
  • Project Term: March 2009-March 2010
  • Toward the rebuilding of the dams.

Religion Related

Holy Rosary Parish
  • Staten Island, NY
  • Grant Amount: $2,500
  • Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
  • Toward a software upgrade for the Italian Apostolate.

Saint Cabrini Home

  • West Park, NY
  • Grant Amount: $2,500
  • Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
  • For general operating support.

Saint Martin de Porres

  • Poughkeepsie, NY
  • Grant Amount: $15,000
  • Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
  • Toward the parish's bicentennial campaign.
2009 Grants - Support of Philanthropy

Council on Foundations
- Arlington, VA
- Grant Amount: $34,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Funders Network On Population, Reproductive Health & Rights
- Rockville, MD
- Grant Amount: $1,725
- Project Term: February 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees
- Sebastopol, CA
- Grant Amount: $1,000
- Project Term: July 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

Grantmakers Forum of New York
- Rochester, NY
- Grant Amount: $3,500
- Project Term: June 2009-December 2009
- Support for the organization’s 2009 conference for grantmakers.

Grantmakers Forum of New York
- Rochester, NY
- Grant Amount: $4,500
- Project Term: May 2009-May 2010
- For general operating support.

Grants Managers Network
- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: $2,000
- Project Term: May 2009-June 2010
- For general operating support.
Williamsburg, VA
- Grant Amount: $25,000
- Project Term: January 2009-January 2010
- For general operating support.

**Independent Sector**
- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: $12,500
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

**National Center for Family Philanthropy**
- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: $3,500
- Project Term: February 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

**Neighborhood Funders Group**
- Washington, DC
- Grant Amount: $2,000
- Project Term: November 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.

**Philanthropy New York**
- New York, NY
- Grant Amount: $5,000
- Project Term: January 2009-December 2009
- For general operating support.
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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.
How to Apply for a Grant

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**: If you are applying for new or renewal project support grant, general operating support grant, mini-grant, or Strategic Restructuring Initiative grant, you should first 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.

   To submit a letter of inquiry, log in to our Grants Portal.

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.

   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.
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.