

JEROME FOUNDATION FY 2007 Grants Awarded in Miscellaneous

The Aspen Institute

In an exception to its geographic policy, but in accordance with the history and circumstances of the Foundation's creation, the Board approved a two-year grant of \$15,000 to THE ASPEN INSTITUTE's Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program, Washington, D.C., which is acting as the base for a study under the direction of Christine Vincent. There is a growing number of private foundations being created and endowed by artists, especially visual artists. Vincent proposes to study this expanding sector at a critical moment of development in order to support and strengthen it. The study will measure and profile the sector; examine trends in the formation and focus of artist-endowed foundations; convene foundation leaders to discuss issues influencing artist-endowed foundations; and document sound practices. Outcomes will include a published study with recommendations, a database housed at Princeton University's Cultural Policy and Arts National Data Archive, an online resource directory and annotated bibliography. A dissemination initiative consisting of published articles, papers, conference programs and other strategies will encourage the formation and vitality of artist-endowed foundations. The Jerome Foundation was created and endowed by artist and philanthropist Jerome Hill.

The Council on Foundations

Jerome Foundation authorized a general support/membership grant to the COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, Washington, D.C. The Council on Foundations is a national membership organization that serves the public good by promoting and enhancing responsible and effective philanthropy. Jerome Foundation joins more than 1,900 members of the Council in a commitment to responsible values, principles and practices that ensure accountability and effectiveness in philanthropy.

The Foundation Center

A two-year commitment of \$2,000 was made to THE FOUNDATION CENTER, New York City. The Foundation Center supports the nonprofit sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy. Its information, research and educational programs promote fairness and efficiency in the philanthropic process and informed discourse about the field.

Grantmakers in Film + Electronic Media/ReNew Media

The Jerome Foundation Board approved a two-year commitment of \$5,000 to RENEW MEDIA, New York City, acting as fiscal sponsor for GRANTMAKERS IN FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA (GFEM). Open to all foundations as well as government agencies and nonprofit organizations with significant media grantmaking programs, GFEM is an active forum and source of learning for grantmakers concerned with media. It also advocates for the funding of innovative and public interest media as a vital and essential cultural force within the dominant forms of creative, social and journalistic expressions of our time. GFEM engages funders in key media issues and developments in the field through festivals, grantmaker briefings, annual conferences, regional conferences, a media policy working group, information services and special projects including searchable databases.

Grantmakers in the Arts

GRANTMAKERS IN THE ARTS, Seattle, Washington, received \$20,000 over two years, in general support of its program. This membership organization promotes discourse on ideas about arts philanthropy within a diverse community of grantmakers.

Minnesota Council on Foundations

Jerome Foundation authorized a general support/membership grant to the MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minnesota Council on Foundations is a regional membership association of over 170 grantmakers working to improve the health and vitality of its communities. The Council's mission is to strengthen and expand philanthropy.

New York Regional Association of Grantmakers

The Jerome Foundation authorized a membership and general support grant of \$750 to the NEW YORK REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRANTMAKERS, New York City, in support of its 2006 program. For more than 25 years, the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers has helped members meet increasingly complex challenges and take advantages of exciting opportunities. Its 300 members support the Association's mission of promoting and supporting effective philanthropy and concerted action for the public good.