

PVF Cited for 'Best Practices' in National Philanthropy Magazine

PVF's immediate response resource grant programs are described as a model of "best practices" and a "good idea" for other grantmakers to follow, in the May/June 2002 issue of News & Commentary, a publication of The Council on Foundations, the Washington, D.C. based national membership organization that promotes and enhances responsible philanthropy. PVF's immediate response resource grants programs make small grants available to direct service providers in the community, such as teachers, librarians, social workers, and child care providers. PVF's turnaround time in responding to grant requests is fast, and can occur within 48 hours of receipt of the request.

A copy of the May/June 2002 News & Commentary article is included with this newsletter. If you are interested in additional copies or have questions, please contact PVF.

PVF has also been asked to contribute to The Council on Foundations' upcoming book on effective small grants programs in the United States. The PVF staff has been interviewed for the book and looks forward to the book's publication in December 2002.

Fellowships in Public Service

In collaboration with City College of San Francisco's CalWORKS Education and Training program, PVF has created the City College Summer Fellowships in Public Service. The goal of the program is to introduce low-income women to public service professions and to the non-profit sector by providing internship opportunities at local non-profit agencies.

From a pool of outstanding applicants, four Fellows were selected to participate in this program and work

as summer interns at local foundations and non-profit agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Fellows will receive job training, income, and exposure to public service professions as they transition from welfare to work. The agencies will receive motivated, skilled and self-reliant interns who bring their fresh perspective to non-profit work. Each Fellow will receive a \$5,000 stipend for their summer internship.

The Fellows can select from a variety of agencies for their internships, including Project Open Hand, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Project, San Francisco Food Bank, Juma Ventures and San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners.

Arts Grants for Teachers

"Visiting Artist in the Classroom" is PVF's latest immediate response resource grants program and is available to promote arts in the schools. Grants of up to \$300 are available to public school teachers in the San Francisco Bay Area to enable them to invite local artists into their classroom to provide "hands on" arts instruction to the students on a variety of topics such as painting, singing, dancing, sculpting, or weaving. This program not only exposes the students to the creative arts and gives them hands on experience in a variety of art projects, it also provides a means to fund community artists and promote artists' creative work. At PVF, we have heard back from many grateful teachers on the far reaching impact of this program. "Our students have not only learned watercolor techniques, but also self-discipline, art appreciation and observation skills. They have tapped into their creative imaginations. Thank you very much." –Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Beltramo, 3rd grade, Highlands Elementary, Concord, Calif.

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PVF Annual Report Year 2001

PVF distributed \$3.8 million in grants in the year 2001 to over 3,000 grantees, as set forth in PVF's 2001 Annual Report. The Annual Report contains a summary of all grants made as well as some specific descriptions of programs initiated by PVF. Grants cover a variety of issues, including education, youth, human rights, the arts, elderly, homelessness, child care, environment, literacy, and healthcare, and ranged in amount from \$200 to \$150,000. Grants were made predominantly in the San Francisco Bay Area, and also throughout the United States and the world. If you would like a copy of PVF's 2001 Annual Report, for yourself or to pass on, contact us with your mailing address.