

The Riverside Sharing Fund - Your 2007 EMC Dollars at Work in the World!

Every year, 10% of EMC goes to the Riverside Sharing Fund, which then gives grants to organizations locally, nationally and internationally. Here is a list of the 34 projects the Sharing Fund supported in 2007 - \$164,500 in grants. If you want more in-depth Information, take a look at the Sharing Fund binder located in the Riverside Library -- photos and more about each organization. Better yet, talk to a Sharing Fund member at the monthly coffee hour table. We love to talk about the people Riverside is helping around the world!

Sharing Fund			
Project Name/Sponsoring Organization	Brief Description	Location	Grant
Midland Academic & Resource Center	Renovation and equipment for student library	Cameroon	\$5,000
Frolic, Center for Independent Documentary	Film a documentary using personal stories about gay men and shame, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, and internalized homophobia	Massachusetts	\$5,000
Cooperative Farming for Women Self-Help Group, Panchavat Raj Movement (Rural Development with People's Participation)	Ten days of training from experts in co-operative farming on leased land with irrigation facility, Project designed for 16 members of Women Self-Help Group to reduce poverty and eliminate hunger	India	\$5,000
Children's Requiem Project, Gorgeous Mosaic Foundation	Regional tour of choral work honoring young victims of violence, accompanied by "The Wall of Names," painted panels created by friends and family, Town Hall meetings on decreasing violence follow each concert.	New York City	\$5,000
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing	Founded by Cathedral of St. John the Divine, works with other local housing organizations to counsel 100 homeless individuals per year back into their communities. Advocates for public policy advances.	New York City	\$5,000
Orphans International Haiti, Haitian Orphanage Education Fund	Costs for 12 HIV/AIDS orphans to attend school --tuition, transportaion, and school supplies.	Haiti	\$5,000
Medical and Mental Services for HIV Orphans, Mia Fo'o Orphanage	Funding for 50 AIDS orphans for testing, training, prevention and treatment, with emphasis on mental health	Cameroon	\$5,000
Baleffe Community Health Building, Common Initiative Health Group	Health clinic serving rural village of 2000 for all medical services as well as education on health risks, sterilization of water, use of condoms. Provides mosquito nets.	Cameroon	\$5,000
Preparation des Lyceens aux Etudes Superieures, ADEBA	Training program to prepare 50 rural students for university study	Cameroon	\$5,000
Universal Peace Day (Hiroshima)	2007 Annual Commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima to bring together people of various faiths to share a worldwide vision of peace. Day concludes with a service at The Riverside Church	New York City	\$5,000
Arts Engine, Inc.	Partial funding for documentary on Charles Taylor, former president of Liberia, being tried in The Hague for war crimes in neighboring Sierra Leone. Team will include training Liberian film makers.	New York City/Liberia	\$5,000

Theater and Education Program in Afghanistan, Bond Street Theater	Cross-cultural understanding promoted through art programs in war-torn areas. Project funded is for work in three cities in Afghanistan, working with teachers, health workers, theater students, children and their mothers using gestures, symbols, rhythms, masks, martial arts, circus, dance, puppetry, games and other physical and musical styles to stimulate creative problem solving and non-violent solutions.	New York City	\$5,000
Celebration of Life:Concert Series, Project People Foundation	Concert series in four US cities to raise funds for PPF's South Africa programs, e.g., leadership training, computer training, providing school uniforms, designing and making school uniforms	New York City	\$5,000
Constitutional Rights Clinic, Picture the Homeless, Inc.	Weekly, legal clinic to educate the homeless about their civil rights, prepare them for court appearances, document abuses, and advocate for changes in policy and practice.	Bronx	\$5,000
Interfaith Worker Justice	Summer seminary intern for work in New Orleans to build organization of religious leaders to document abuse of African-American and immigrant workers and advocate for fair treatment.	Illinois/Louisiana	\$5,000
United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, Regional HIV/AIDS Library	HIV/AIDS Library Desk Assistant, to collect materials, provide counseling and testing training for clergy and create Memory Pins (on sale in Riverside Gift Shop)	South Africa	\$5,000
Empowering Women in Sustainable Arts in the Fight Against Poverty, Women Development Partners Association (WODEPAA)	Three-month course for 50 rural women in stamp carving, painting, sign writing, cloth dying, printing on textiles and computer graphics software, teaching them skills they can use to support themselves and their families.	Cameroon	\$4,500
Reduction of Child Malnutrition, Bateyes Relief Alliance	Organize 25 community health workers in 30 bateyes to train parents about proper nutrition, clean water and preventing parasites, and distribute multivitamins and antiparasitic drugs to 5000 children	Dominican Republic	\$5,000
Harlem Homelessness Prevention Program, Harlem Tenants Council	Monthly educational workshops to inform tenants about their rights, counseling re income certification, housing clinics, tenant organizing for repairs, and emergency assistance.	New York City	\$5,000
"H Project" & "Axes for the Roots," Church Avenue Merchants Block Association	Grass-roots project to decrease gang influence. Former Crips and Bloods join others in two stage productions: "H" (adapted from Shakespeare's Henry IV) and "Axes to the Roots: Voices from Brooklyn Shelters." Post performance discussions about gang culture.	Brooklyn	5,000
Empower Women through horticulture and beekeeping, New Earth Team	Establish a revolving interest free loan fund to lease land and grow flowers and vegetables and produce honey. Train 20 women every six months in organic gardening techniques, to be ready when the prior 20 women pay back their loans.	India	\$5,000
El Centro de Hospitalidad - Worker's Rights & Safety Ed. Program	Safe haven for immigrants to provide education, advocacy, outreach, employment and community building, serving 2000 workers and their families every month. Workshops include state and city agency officials.	Staten Island	\$5,000

Choraliers Performing Arts Project, Choraliers Music Club	50-year old Club with illustrious music training history will upgrade musical instruments, provide scholarships, books, materials and supplies to expand its vocal and instrumental youth training after-school program.	South Carolina	\$5,000
Peter's Place, Partnership for the Homeless	New program to serve 25 senior-age homeless veterans with living space, comprehensive medical care including psychiatric care, and a supportive environment.	New York City	\$5,000
Children's Pantomime Theater, Pantamonium Productions,	Support for 2007 Christmas season production of 15 performances of Robin Hood in pantomime. Summer camp for 20 kids prepares production, and tickets are distributed free through Manhattan social service agencies, day care centers and neighborhood centers. Brings theater experience to low income families.	New York City	\$5,000
Helping Hands Youth Development Center, Inc.	General operating support for Center's work in after school tutorial, leadership development, crime prevention, and assistance to senior citizens.	North Carolina	\$5,000
Interfaith Workers' Advocacy, Greater New York Labor & Religion Coalition	Participation in city-wide worker economic justice campaigns for living wages for workers -- security guards, janitors, farm workers, food service workers, garment workers, laundry workers, New Sanctuary Movement and driver's licenses for immigrants workers.	New York City	\$5,000
Incarcerated Mothers Education and Advocacy Program, Hour Children, Inc.	General operating support for program to house and support children of incarcerated women, to keep them connected with their mothers, and to train their mothers in prison and house and train them post prison.	Long Island City	\$5,000
Rural Health & Environmental Development Trust	Program to support empowerment of women through self-sustaining agricultural collective. Includes lease of land, training, seeds, fertilizer and agricultural tools and initial wages for participants. Expected to become self-sustaining.	India	\$5,000
Conscious Contace of New York, Making You HIV Care the Best It Can Be	Training participants in peer-led education program to improve personal and family responsibility for people of all ages living with HIV and AIDS. Includes performance measurement.	New York City	\$5,000

Densford Fund

The Densford Fund is an endowed bequest which funds projects related to Native American youth.

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Lakota Rose Underage Drinking Prevention, White Bison, Inc.	Program begun in 2002 to combat alcohol use among youth through videos, instruction, and mentors. Served 1500 youth from 24 tribes in seven states; funding to reach 2500 more.	Colordao	\$5,000
Denver Indian Health & Family Services	Native American students from 3 schools work with parents and teachers to enrich cultural identity, improve literacy and develop self-help skills.	Colorado	\$5,000
Catching the Dream	Educational support for Native American students at 10 elementary and high schools in reading, math and science, teacher training, intense college preparation support, and scholarships for successful students. 780 scholarships so far, 552 graduates; goal of 1500 scholarships by 2010.	New Mexico	\$5,000

