



Mission

Historically, it has been the Dart Foundation's preference to make grants toward education (primarily math, science and engineering) and youth programs. Other major areas of interest have included health, disaster relief and journalism programs that focus on the accuracy of news reporting on scientific and environmental issues. Additionally, major support is given to national projects such as the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, a global resource for journalists who cover violence.

History

The Dart Foundation is a private family foundation established in 1984 by William A. and Claire T. Dart. Founded in Mason, Michigan, the Dart Foundation continues to be headquartered here. Because of this, the mid-Michigan area has long been a focal point of Dart Foundation philanthropy. Each year grants are awarded in other areas of the United States and a select number of national grants are made.

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MICHIGAN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

engages over 8,000 middle and high school students each year in science inquiry teams organized throughout the state. Since 2004, the Dart Foundation has served as the sole sponsor of the state tournament which brings together the top 1,400 students at Michigan State University in May of each year.

The Michigan Science Olympiad competition provides a place for students to work as individuals and in teams, to excel in science, to showcase their projects, and to earn recognition for their learning and problem-solving abilities. It's an academic competition that puts science on a par with other activities that vie for students' time, attention, and interest.

Science is a great game. It is inspiring and refreshing. The playing field is the universe itself.
— Isidore Isaac Rabi (1898–1988), US physicist and 1944 Nobel Prize winner

A Glimpse at Three 2009 Grants

Community service was a significant feature of Dart Foundation philanthropy in 2009.



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world by inviting people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses for families. Homeowners are selected based on their need for housing, their ability to repay a non-profit mortgage, and their ability to work in partnership with Habitat in building their home. To date, Habitat for Humanity has built over 350,000 houses around the world.

The Dart Foundation sponsored the building of a home in Boynton Beach, Florida through Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County.

The Great Los Angeles River Cleanup

In April of 2009 over 3,000 people gathered at 14 sites along the Los Angeles River to pull out nearly 20 tons of trash in just three hours time. In addition to adults, 4th–12th grade students gathered to participate in the river cleanup and activities that taught about the connection between storm drains, the river, the ocean, and healthy watershed management. The Dart Foundation joined Friends of the Los Angeles River to sponsor this event.

Friends of the Los Angeles River seeks to restore a swimmable, fishable and boatable river.



Capital Area Community Services

Michigan has led the country in numbers of unemployed workers. This means that many residents have been unable to pay their winter heating bills, causing their natural gas or propane heat to be discontinued. Families cannot survive without heat in a Michigan winter and are often forced into homelessness. The Dart Foundation assisted Capital Area Community Services with funds to help homeowners keep the heat on in the short-term while working to find longer-term economic solutions.

Capital Area Community Services helps homeowners find economic solutions to heating bills during a time of high unemployment for the state of Michigan.



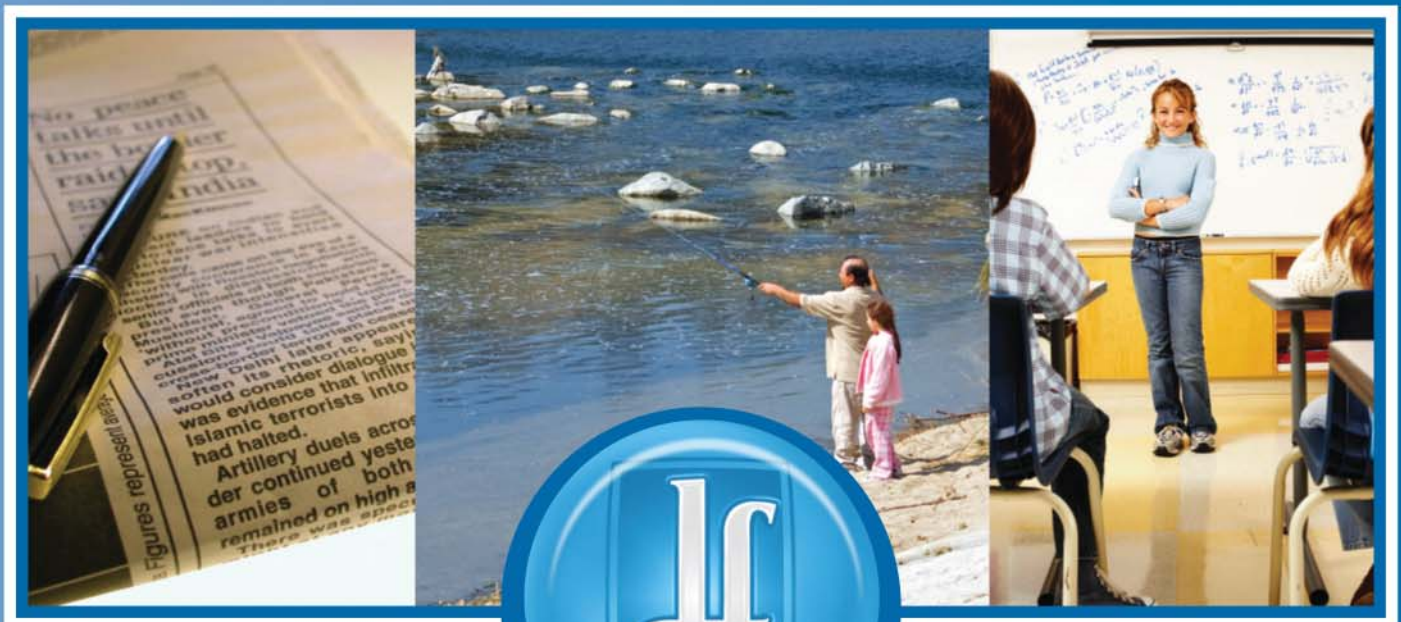
Dart Foundation Grants by Category Fiscal Year 2009

Prospective grantees may request guidelines for submitting a grant application by contacting the Dart Foundation. Grants can be made toward specific projects or programs, capital needs, or general operations. Grants involving collaboration between organizations are encouraged. The Dart Foundation sometimes requires matching gifts to be raised. Larger grants are usually made over a multi-year period. The Dart Foundation does not make grants to individuals.

The chart below shows the scope of the Dart Foundation's giving in fiscal year 2009:

Journalism & Critical Incidents	\$1,838,333	48%
Education – including environmental, science, math, and engineering programs	647,220	17%
Community Services/Programs	558,335	15%
Health	495,226	13%
Museums	88,500	2%
Disaster/Emergency Relief	75,195	2%
Arts	68,119	2%
Public Policy	32,500	1%
Total	\$3,803,428	100%

Dollar and percentage figures have been rounded for ease of presentation.



DART FOUNDATION

Grant payments made during fiscal year 2009 (November 1, 2008–October 31, 2009)

Journalism & Critical Incidents	Columbia University John Jay College Foundation, Inc.	University of Washington Virginia Mason Medical Center	
Education – including environmental, science, math and engineering programs	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. American Cave Conservation Association, Inc. Aurora Public Library Foundation, Inc. Avalon Independent School District Capital Area Literacy Coalition (CALC) Caverna Elementary School Caverna High School Caverna Middle School Central Caribbean Marine Institute City of Lodi, California City of Quitman, Mississippi Crispus Attucks Community Center Dansville Schools Education Foundation East Lansing Public Schools Eastern Lancaster County Library Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. FIRST Robotics	Friends of Fenner Nature Center Glasgow Christian Academy Green County High School Hart County High School Hart County Public Library Hiseville Elementary School Ingham Intermediate School District Italy Independent School District Keep California Beautiful Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation Lancaster County Library Lancaster Lebanon Science & Technology Alliance Lansing Community College Foundation Lansing School District Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon Lodi Public Library Foundation Mason Public Schools Foundation Maypearl High School Maypearl Intermediate School	Michigan Council on Economic Education Michigan State University (Michigan Science Olympiad) Michigan Technological University Milford Independent School District National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) Nature Conservancy Navarro College Foundation Palmer Independent School District Randleman High School Randleman Middle School Red Oak Independent School District Education Foundation Shalom Partnership of Lancaster, Inc. Waxahachie High School Waxahachie Independent School District William B. Travis Elementary School WKAR-TV 23
Community Services/Programs	Assets Lancaster Bareville Fire Company No. 1 Barren County Family YMCA, Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Inc. Boys and Girls Clubs of Lancaster Boys and Girls Clubs of Lansing Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County Bridge of Hope Lancaster and Chester Counties Broward Education Foundation, Inc. Broward Sheriff's Office Capital Area Community Services, Inc. Capital Area Humane Society Capital Area United Way Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Child & Family Services Capital Area Child Protection Center, Inc. City of Randleman Fire Department City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Civitan International Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. Ele's Place EVE, Inc. Forty Carrots of Sarasota, Inc. Friends of Disabled Adults and Children	Friends of the Los Angeles River Friendship Community Great Lakes Folk Festival, Michigan State University Museum Hesed House, Inc. Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach County Hart County 4-H Council Haven, Inc. Haz Mat 2, Environmental Fire Rescue Company Highfields, Inc. Information Technology Empowerment Center Johnson County Committee on Aging Inc. Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania Kids Hope USA Kids Repair Program Lafayette Fire Company Lodi Adopt-A-Child Mammoth Cave Resource Conservation and Development Area, on behalf of Cave City Volunteer Fire Dept, Cave City Police Dept, Glasgow Fire Dept, Grab Fire Dept, Hart County Sheriff, and Temple Hill Volunteer Fire Dept (KY) Manna House Mason First Presbyterian Church Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program, Inc.	Michigan State University (Community Music School for Music Therapy for RicStar's Camp) Mid-Michigan Food Bank Mutual Ground, Inc. National Center for Victims of Crime Navarro County Food Pantry, Inc. New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding, Inc. New Holland Recreation Center North Ellis County Outreach, Inc. Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. of Sarasota Salvation Army SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc. Southside Community Kitchen The PAI Corporation Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS, Inc. United States Military Mothers & Friends, Inc. United Way of Lancaster County United Way of Sarasota County, Inc. Upper Leacock Fire Company Upper Leacock Township Upper Leacock Township War Memorial Association Urban League of Lancaster County Volunteers of America of Michigan Waxahachie CARE Services Women's Center of Greater Lansing Young Caymanian Leaders Foundation Limited Young Mens Christian Association of Lancaster, PA
Health	Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society American Cancer Society of Hart County American Heart Association Care Free Medical, Inc. Eaton Rapids Community Hospital, Inc. Ephrata Community Hospital Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice	H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Research Institute Foundation, Inc. Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Lahey Clinic Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic Leola Ambulance Association March of Dimes Foundation Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation	Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster County South Florida Baptist Hospital Foundation Sparrow Foundation Spina Bifida Association of Greater Pennsylvania Virginia Mason Medical Center Water Street Rescue Mission Medical Clinic
Arts	American Friends of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Foundation Friends of Music, Inc. Fulton Opera House Foundation	Kentucky Repertory Theatre Lancaster Symphony Orchestra Old Town Business & Art Development Association	Pennsylvania Academy of Music Riverwalk Theatre Southern Atelier
Museums	Cayman National Cultural Foundation Heritage Center of Lancaster County, Inc. Impression 5 Science Center	Michigan State University (Kresge Art Museum) National Plastics Center	North Museum of Natural History and Science World of Wonders Science Museum, Inc.
Disaster/Emergency Relief	American Red Cross Dallas Area Chapter American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter	Cayman Islands National Recovery Fund Foundation	Helping All Recover Together, Inc.
Public Policy	Cato Institute Competitive Enterprise Institute	Heritage Foundation Manhattan Institute for Policy Research	Washington Legal Foundation

Information on grantee locations can be found at www.dartfoundation.org under "Grants."