

Attn: Jess Hopeman
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RE: Grant ID# 38108/ 300-499 Financial Reimbursement
Literacy Environments: Smart Play Spots, *Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites*

Ms. Hopeman:

Please find enclosed with this letter Minnesota Children's Museum's financial report on activities resulting from the funding received by the Arts and Cultural Legacy fund. Since receiving this award, the Museum continues to achieve tremendous results toward a dramatic programmatic expansion beyond our Saint Paul site. Our 2011 allocation of \$1 million over two years was intended to support three projects: the opening of a new Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester, installation of at least six new interactive early literacy environments in libraries across the state, and the continuation of *Storyland: A Trip through Childhood Favorites* traveling exhibit throughout the state. The full scope of this year's activities will be detailed in our January 1, 2014 interim report to the State of Minnesota; In the meantime, following are a few milestones for the literacy environments covered in Grant ID# 38108/300-499 we wanted to highlight.

Smart Play Spots

In fiscal 2012 and 2013, the Museum's *Smart Play Spots* project went from planning to fruition, opening seven of eleven Legacy-funded sites. Minnesota Children's Museum is developing, fabricating and installing interactive early literacy learning environments in libraries across the state. We were able to expand the number of *Smart Play Spots* from the originally planned six to eleven, thanks to support raised by engaged and supportive communities. Partnering with libraries and community centers throughout the state, \$212,500 in matching dollars was raised from donors and foundations located at each of the *Spots*. This overwhelming support demonstrates the undeniable need and importance of this project for Minnesota communities. Legacy funding this past year launched seven *Smart Play Spots* at the Grand Rapids Area Library (Grand Rapids), Willmar Public Library (Willmar), Ramsey County Library (Maplewood), Rochester Public Library (Rochester), Owatonna Public Library (Owatonna), Scott County Library (Shakopee), and the Great River Regional Library (St. Cloud).

We have requested and received an extension of this Legacy funding to open the remaining *Smart Play Spots* by the end of 2013: Anoka County Library -Mississippi Branch (Fridley), Hennepin County Library -Augsburg Park Library (Richfield), White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program (White Earth Nation), and Washington County Public Library –R.H. Stafford Branch (Woodbury). Supporting the development of pre-literacy skills, *Smart Play Spots* will strengthen communities, particularly in the area of early childhood education and literacy, which is critical to educational attainment and economic vitality.

Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites

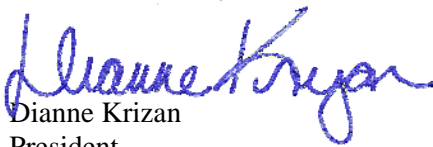
Funding received from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund is being used to support the launch of a statewide tour in Minnesota. In December 2012, the Museum successfully concluded the first leg of its regional tour, funded by the FY10-11 Arts and Cultural Legacy fund. In 2013, the Museum launched the second regional tour of *Storyland*, which included stops in White Earth Tribal Council (Ogema), Becker County Historical Society (Detroit Lakes), and our very own Minnesota Children's Museum – Rochester.

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Storyland is a powerful tool in sparking early literacy for families through its ability to engage children through play in a life size, three-dimensional environment of family-favorite books. In the upcoming year, *Storyland* is already scheduled to make four stops in Lake Agassiz Regional Library (Moorhead) and Marshall County Early Childhood Initiative (Argyle). Additionally, as proven through a professional evaluation, this exhibit continues to elevate the important role adults play in developing their child's early literacy learning.

Support from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has provided a solid foundation for our efforts toward activating the Museum's reach throughout the state with an eye toward providing opportunities for all children to learn through play. We are grateful for the support from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund from the State of Minnesota and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. Please contact James Lekvin, Grants Manager, at 651-225-6034 if you have questions or need additional information.

Warm Regards,



Dianne Krizan
President

cc: Naomi Munzner, Director, Office of Grants Management
Liz Kelly, Grants Specialist, Sr.

STATE OF MINNESOTA LEGACY AMENDMENT GRANT
 FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT
 FY 2013

Grantee: Minnesota Children's Museum (Storyland)

Agreement Number: 38108/ 300-499

FY13 EXPENSES

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	REVISED BUDGET AMOUNT FY 2012	1/1/13 - 6/30/13 EXPENDITURES			TOTAL EXPENDED YEAR TO DATE
Sal. & Wages	\$ 7,300	\$ 749			\$ 749
Tax / Benefits		\$ 133			\$ 133
Print, Photog, Graphics		\$ 60			\$ 60
Exhibit / Program Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000	\$ 346			\$ 346
Contracted Services	\$ 1,000				\$ -
Promotions & Advertising					\$ -
Prof. Fees / Consulting					\$ -
Postage & Shipping	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,410			\$ 2,410
Meetings & Receptions					\$ -
Travel	\$ 2,500	\$ 265			\$ 265
Staff Training					\$ -
Exhibit Construction					\$ -
Rent / Storage					\$ -
Administrative					\$ -
TOTALS:	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,963

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This report reflects expenditures:
 1/1/2013

6/30/2013


 Signature of Project Director or Coordinator

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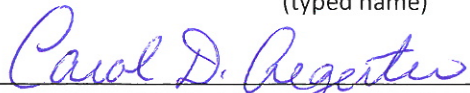
Grantee: Minnesota Children's Museum (Smart Play Spots)
 Literacy Environments

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BUDGET LINE ITEMS	REVISED BUDGET	7/1/11 TO 6/30/12 EXPENDITURES	07/01/12 - 06/30/2013 EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDED TO DATE
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 225,000	\$ 7,277	\$ 125,626			\$ 132,903
Contracted Services & Prof. F	\$ 25,000		\$ 3,911			\$ 3,911
Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 32,000		\$ 11,875			\$ 11,875
Promotions & Advertising	\$ -					\$ -
Travel	\$ -					\$ -
Postage & Exhibit Shipping	\$ -					\$ -
Printing	\$ -					\$ -
TOTALS:	\$ 282,000	\$ 7,277	\$ 141,412	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,689

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INVOICE

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Bill to: STATE OF MINNESOTA

Invoice Date July 30, 2013

Grant # 38108/ 300-499

Due Date 7/31/2013

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DUE
7/31/2013	Smart Play Spots, for expenses 7/1/12 to 6/30/13	\$141,412
7/31/2013	Storyland, for expenses 1/1/13 to 6/30/13	\$3,963

TOTAL	145,375.00
SALES TAX	-
LESS: DEPOSIT	
TOTAL DUE	145,375.00

Please remit payment to:

MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
10 WEST SEVENTH STREET
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

THANK YOU!

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