

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SUBJECT: FUNDED ACE GRANT PROGRAMS - 2009

The City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education annually solicits grant proposals from the Greenbelt Schools.

The ACE Grants Program supports activities which enhance or enrich school-based activities. Eligible schools include the seven ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Saint Hugh's School. Proposals are welcome either from the school itself or from the school's parent-teacher organization.

On December 14, 2009, the Greenbelt City Council approved funding for 4 programs at 3 schools, for a total value of \$1500. The funded programs are:

#	School	Title	Funding	Total
1	St. Hugh's	Traveling Trunk Experiences	\$ 500.00	\$ 1500
2	ERHS	History Alive Guest Speaker	\$ 300.00	
3	ERHS	Holocaust Survivor Guest Speaker	\$ 200.00	
4	SHLES	Modern Dance Class	\$ 500.00	

Funded Proposals:

1. Traveling Trunk Experiences, St Hugh's Home-School Association. Funding: \$500.

Summary: Using materials available from the Maryland State Field Trip and Teacher's Guide, this project proposes to bring into the school one "Traveling Trunk" from a Maryland State organization each month. The Traveling Trunks proposed include materials from the College Park Airport Museum, Assateague Island National Seashore, the Maryland Science Center, the National Aquarium in Baltimore and others. The funding will cover the rental cost and shipping expenses for one Traveling Trunk materials kit per month, which will be used in the classrooms of the school

Strengths: A varied program of enrichment material. Well written proposal with a well developed plan and lots of detail. Impacts all of the students in the school.

2. History Alive Guest Speaker, ERHS. Funding: \$300.

Summary: This project proposes to bring a living re-enactor, Mary Ann Jung, as Queen Elizabeth I, to introduce the 9th grade students to the history and language of the Renaissance time period. The project will tie in to studies of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Ms. Jung will perform 2 lectures for 400 students each, reaching the entire 9th grade.

Strengths: Project is tied to the curriculum. The budget is realistic. The project benefits the entire 9th grade. Well-written proposal.

Holocaust Survivor Guest Speaker, ERHS. Funding: \$200.

Summary: This project proposes to bring a Holocaust survivor into the school as a guest speaker, in conjunction with the study of the book, "Night". The speaker visit will be arranged through the National Holocaust Museum's Speaker's Bureau. The grant will provide the traveling fee for the speaker.

Strengths: The project is tied to the curriculum. The value for money is high, since the only cost is transportation. Benefits 500 students.

Modern Dance Class, Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA. Funding: \$500.

Summary: The project proposes to bring a modern dance instructor to teach a class in dance. The class will enable 25 students to learn the skills and perspectives unique to the art form of modern dance, giving students a highly organized system for experiencing, organizing, creating, interpreting and evaluating the world around them. The instructor is Angela Foster, an accomplished and experienced dance teacher.

Strengths: Experienced teacher and an intensive class. The proposal was very specific with a detailed budget. Well written proposal.