

SCEF Winter Grant Awards 2015

South Country Foundation funded a record-breaking amount of \$31,608.27 in its winter grant cycle. The Boys and Girls Club and the Dancing Classrooms project of CoDanceCo received funding and numerous grants to fund literacy initiatives, science, business and the arts were awarded. As always, we thank the community for its generous support in making this possible.

Virtual Enterprise Class

Sheila Smith
Bellport High School
\$2,000.00

Twenty-one students in the Bellport High School Virtual Enterprise Class will man a booth at the April 14-15, 2015 International Youth Business Summit in New York City. The SCEF grant will pay most of the hotel costs for the students and chaperones. The tradeshow provides students with the opportunity to meet and network with other students from around the world.

Fiesta Hispanola

Aimee Volk
Kreamer Street
\$2,270.00

Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company will perform "Fiesta Hispanola" for students at Kreamer Street Elementary School. The performance combines Spanish dance, music, culture, history and language exposure and is designed for young audiences. The objectives of the program include providing a sense of cultural pride in the districts Hispanic population and to teach and develop multiculturalism at the school. The grant pays the fee to the dance company.

Teen Spring Break

Danielle Peiello
Boys & Girls Club
\$1,000.00

This grant will fund four field trips for members ages 13-19 beginning April 8, 2015 and ending May 1, 2015. Members will go on a seal watching cruise, visit the Montauk Lighthouse and Museum, kayak the Carman's River and tour the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The grant covers admission and parking fees, mileage and tickets to a concert by soprano Julia Bullock.

Junior Spring Break

Danielle Peiello
Boys & Girls Club
\$1,000.00

Club members between the ages of five and 12 will go on three field trips between April 6 - 10, 2015. The trips include a seal watching cruise, the Montauk Lighthouse and Museum and kayaking and canoeing on the Carman's River. The members will explore natural habitats, in particular marine habitats, during the trips and be exposed to discussions of environmental issues confronting Long Island. The grant pays for admission, transportation and equipment rentals.

Beat Club

James Uzzi
Bellport High School
\$2,959.00

Synthesizers, dynamic effects processors, keyboards and other music equipment will be purchased with this grant to stock an electronic music lab called Beat Club. The objective is to incorporate Beat Club into the Music and Life Class already offered at the high school. Also, the lab will be available for extracurricular activities for all students.

Bilingual Literature

Home/School Connection
J. Madrigales, S. Orfin, J. Weinberg
Brookhaven, Kreamer, Verne W. Critz
Elementary Schools
\$2,789.20

Home support in literacy will improve in bilingual families at all three elementary schools with the purchase of an extensive collection of bilingual literature. The grant writers indicate that one of the greatest obstacles for English language learners in the elementary schools is the lack of home support in literacy. Students and families will have the opportunity to share literature together and build both English and native language arts fluency together. The grant pays for the purchase of three copies of more than 60 bilingual elementary school books.

Ellis Island Field Trip

M. Tetuan, D. Bavosa
Bellport High School
\$2,252.36

Forty ESL students in grades 9-12 will visit Ellis Island as a culminating activity to a month-long instructional unit on the History of Immigration to the United States. Students will create journals during the course of the year on their own immigration experiences. The field trip will serve to highlight significant moments in American History. The grant pays for books (\$631.78), journals (\$143.58), ferry and museum admission fees, and a 55-passenger coach bus (\$1,000.00).

The Amazing World of Reptiles and Amphibians

K. Ernst, K. Lampert, A. Richardson,
D. Sackman
Brookhaven Elementary School
\$1,000.00

Pre-Kindergarten students will be treated to an in-school, hands-on field trip with a program titled The World of Reptiles and Amphibians, presented by Erik's Reptile Adventures. Students will interact with various exotic reptiles and amphibians gaining valuable scientific knowledge and an appreciation for these special animals. The program will be coupled with Common Core Standards in science for this age group. The grant pays for a morning and afternoon show (\$675.00) and other supplies that will augment the presentation.

Elmo Document Camera

S. Rauch
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$585.00

This grant is for the purchase of the Elmo Document Camera, a camera that interacts with a SMART board and permits the instant display of texts and lessons to classroom students. The grant pays for the purchase of the camera.

Visit to MoMA

Suzette Fandale
Bellport Middle School
\$805.00

Thirty students from Bellport Middle School will explore the Museum of Modern Art through a guided visit. Students will participate in an Art Studio program in addition to a three-hour guided tour. The museum collection will be introduced during lectures prior to the visit. The grant pays for museum admission and bus service to and from the museum.

Exploring the MET

Suzette Fandale
Bellport High School
\$1,375.00

Art students at Bellport High School will have the opportunity to explore the Metropolitan Museum of Art with a MET educator. Approximately 40 students will participate. In addition to the tour, students will participate in a studio art-making sessions afterward that is linked to the works viewed. The MET collection will be studied and discussed in lectures before the trip. The grant pays for museum admission and a bus for transport.

International Textiling-Batiking

B. Gallagher
Bellport High School
\$2,940.93

Fifty students in fashion classes at Bellport High School will work with local artist, Pat Giancontieri, during two, two-hour workshops creating a textile piece using batiking methods. This is part of the high school's Creative Crafts curriculum. The grant pays the artist's fees (\$700.00) and for the materials needed to create the textiles (\$2,240.93). The materials include items such as batik wax, flat and sumi brushes, vinyl gloves, dyes and more.

Elmo for ESL

L. Freiband
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$1,170.00

Students in the ESL program at Frank P. Long will benefit from the purchase of two ELMO document cameras. According to the grant writer, this purchases will build literacy through technology. The cameras will be used to display worksheet for students, display student work and writing for peer review and provide teachers with the ability to highlight specific material.

Contemporary Jewelry Design

B. Gallagher
Bellport High School
\$2,996.74

Jacqueline Billing, a local artist, will participate in a five-day workshop at the high school engaging students in the Creative Crafts program in the creation of fine silver jewelry using precious metal clay. Precious metal clay, consisting of organic binder that burns away when fired in a kiln, leaves precious metal behind. The grant allows 26 students to explore a new medium. The grant pays the artist (\$800.00) and allows for the purchase of materials (\$2,196.74). Materials include a special kiln (\$858.89) and other supplies.

Dancing Classrooms

Alicia Ulberg
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$2,000.00

Dancing Classrooms, as presented by CoDanceCo during a 10-week session, will allow each 5th grade class the opportunity to learn about various cultures, music and dance. During two 40 minute sessions each week, students will build their social awareness, confidence, self-esteem, team work and respect for others through the movement of ballroom dancing.

Fiesta Hispanola

M. Procida, J. Weinberg
Brookhaven Elementary School
\$2,270.00

In a return performance, Sol y Sombra Spanish Dance Company will returned to Brookhaven with a new performance: Fiesta Hispanola. The performance combines Spanish dance, music, culture, history and language in an age appropriate and academic performance. The objectives of the school wide assembly is to exposed approximately 650 students in grades K-3 to the influence of the Spanish community on the arts. It would appear that the grant pays for the dance company though there is no invoice from Sol y Sombra provided.

Culinary Arts Competition

Camille Masem
Bellport High School
\$750.00

Three students, selected in a Bellport High School run-off, will compete in the 2015 SYSCO Long Island High School Culinary Art Competition. The young chefs will have 90 minutes to prepare a dish from a "mystery" basket of ingredients. The winner will take home a Culinary Arts scholarship and a book stipend valued at more than \$4,000. The grant will pay for ingredients for the high school qualifying competition and chef coats and hats for the three competitors.

Arithmetickles Assembly

S. Vega
Verne W. Critz Elementary
\$895.00

Students at the Verne W. Critz Elementary School will participate in a 50-minute assembly featuring engaging math games. A New Jersey-based theatre company will present the assembly. According to the grant writer the program will demonstrate that math can be both challenging and fun. The grant pays the theater company's fee.

The Power of Ten

S. Vega
Verne W. Critz Elementary
\$550.04

This grant pays for the purchase of supplies, such as magnetic frame boards and matching number games, that will be used to create "math centers" for classrooms at Verne W. Critz. The centers will be devoted to base ten concepts and used primarily by students with below grade level skills as a method to bring them up to par, according to the grant writer. The centers will be easily moved from room to room.