Smithsonian Women's Committee

1999 Grants (to be awarded April 15, 1999)

Arts and Humanities

National Air and Space Museum

Amount Granted: $3,900.00

Brief Description: Funds are granted to preserve Nitrate film.

National Museum of American Art-Renwick Gallery

Amount Granted: $9,860.00

Brief Description: Funds are granted to produce one of five videos profiling contemporary craft artists and their work. These videos will be shown in the Renwick Gallery and as part of its educational outreach program to give visitors the information they need to understand craft art and its relationship to other contemporary art forms.

National Museum of the American Indian

Brief Description: Funds are granted to train students on the Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana, in photographic documentation (an 18-month project). The images will be considered for inclusion in the NMAI exhibition, "Spirit Capture," and in the museum's inaugural exhibitions on the National Mall.

Smithsonian Institution Libraries

Brief Description: Funds are granted to conserve the three-volume set of nineteenth century plates on furniture, wallcoverings and textile design known as Le Garde-Meuble: ancien et moderne (Paris 1839-1900). Each volume must be cleaned, interleaved, resewn and rebound.

National Museum of American History-Division of Cultural History

Amount Granted: $17,000.00

Brief Description: Funds are granted to restore to playing condition an historically significant grand piano by Conrad Graf (1832).

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Amount Granted: $25,000.00

Brief Description: Funds are granted to preserve and make available for use thousands of reels of original films and videos produced by and about the

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Public Programs/Education

National Museum of American Art  
*Amount Granted:* $19,870.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to develop a ten-minute videotape, "The American Scene," which will serve to educate students, teachers and the general public about how artists captured life in the first half of this century, from the carefree exhilaration of the Roaring Twenties and the stark drama of the Great Depression to the common cause of the war years and the new confidence of the years following World War II.

National Museum of Natural History  
*Amount Granted:* $21,600.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to support six undergraduate students in the summer session of the 1999 NMNH Research Training Program.

National Museum of Natural History  
*Amount Granted:* $24,850.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to digitally re-create the Lewis and Clark Collection while initiating an educational program, "Lewis and Clark: Links to a Naturalist Educational Outreach Program." This will ideally position the Smithsonian within the upcoming bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark natural history exploration.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden  
*Amount Granted:* $6,500.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to create two educational packets that will be part of a comprehensive program designed to broaden students' and teachers' knowledge of the visual arts through learning about the Hirshhorn's collection.

National Zoological Park  
*Amount Granted:* $1,400.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to wire the Elephant House outdoor microphone, used for educational narrations, in order to eliminate distracting atmospheric and radio wave interference.

Public Programs/Exhibits

National Museum of the American Indian  
*Amount Granted:* $20,000.00  
*Brief Description:* Funds are granted to produce a print and electronic version of a guide titled, "Starting a Tribal Museum." It will be bilingual in English and Spanish.
National Museum of Natural History
**Amount Granted:** $1,650.00  
**Brief Description:** Funds are granted to purchase an interactive video imaging camera known as the "Video Flex" to use in various educational programs and training workshops. The "Video Flex" is a flexible camera that magnifies and displays intricately detailed objects. The camera would be used to view in greater detail a wide range of objects, both living and non-living, throughout the "Exploring Marine Ecosystems" exhibit. The video monitor and built-in microphone would allow the image to be displayed and for an educator's message to be heard by a large audience.

**Amount Granted:** $17,170.00  
**Brief Description:** Funds are granted to implement an innovative series of public programs for preschool through elementary-age children and their adult companions. This state of the art program matches current theory on teaching history through literature with the Museum's educational practice of teaching through objects to bring history to life for NMAH's intergenerational audiences. Each monthly program introduces children and their adult companions to history through the combination of museum objects, children's literature and hands-on activities.

Anacostia Museum  
**Amount Granted:** $10,850.00  
**Brief Description:** Funds are granted to purchase a flatbed scanner and a digital darkroom for development of an educational initiative on African Americans in food service, "With These Hands."

Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES)  
**Amount Granted:** $25,000.00  
**Brief Description:** Funds are granted to produce a brochure to accompany "Americanos: Portrait of the Latino Community in the United States." This brochure will allow SITES to present information that is not in the exhibition.

**Science**

National Museum of Natural History-Department of Entomology  
**Amount Granted:** $7,821.00  
**Brief Description:** Funds are granted to purchase equipment and contract labor necessary to implement a modest pilot project for disseminating educational and scientific information about ants on the World Wide Web.

National Museum of Natural History-Department of Entomology  
**Amount Granted:** $15,264.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to conserve and inventory a large portion of NMNH’s mosquito alcohol collection.

National Museum of Natural History-Department of Entomology
Amount Granted: $10,610.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to identify and upgrade the collection of the Diptera family Tipulidae, including uploading the inventory to the World Wide Web.

National Museum of Natural History-Department of Entomology
Amount Granted: $12,000.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to bring the necessary expertise to make the Geometridae part of the National Insect Collection at NMNH ready to be databased.

National Museum of Natural History-Department of Entomology
Amount Granted: $5,500.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to identify and improve the Siphonaptera (flea) collection with inventories uploaded to the World Wide Web.

Smithsonian Institution Libraries
Amount Granted: $12,296.50
Brief Description: Funds are granted to purchase 840 protective enclosures for rehousing natural history books. Enclosures will both protect the books while they are moved to the new Natural History Rare Book Library in NMNH and serve as long-term protection in their new location.

National Zoological Park
Amount Granted: $24,880.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to adapt existing equipment so that fluorescence can be measured, allowing a non-invasive approach to examine the health and development potential of valuable embryos.

National Zoological Park
Amount Granted: $15,000.00
Brief Description: Funds are granted to investigate possible causes of reproductive problems, specifically lack of estrous cyclicity, in captive elephants, and to identify possible treatments.

Total Amount Granted: $319,241.50