

Chariho Community Educational Innovative Projects Grants Awarded From 2003 to 2014

2014

- **Chariho High School**, Nicole Weeks, nicole.weeks@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$500**
"Disability Support Services:, to provide for the creation of a mosaic club for general and special education students to work together on a large scale mosaic mural.
- **Chariho High School**, Aimee Blanchette, Aimee.Blanchette@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$960**
"US History II", to purchase eText classroom editions of "The Us Role In a Changing World" from the Choices Program located at Brown University.
- **Chariho High School**, Mary Moen, Mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1500**
"American Sign Language" to offer an after school class in American Sign Language to Chariho students, staff and parents.
- **Chariho High School**, Sandra Laub, Sandra.laub@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$250**
"Shakespeare Competition" to conduct a competition for students to perform two Shakespear selections one sonnet and one monologue from a play.
- **Chariho High School**, Christine Harbereki, Christine.Haberek@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$272**
"FFA Community Service:, to establish and maintain a community garden in Richmond, RI.
- **Charlestown Elementary School**, Kim Allen, Kim.allen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1000**
"Special Chairs", to provide for the purchase of special classroom chairs to help students to focus.
- **Chariho High School**, Azadeh, Noorbaloochi, Azadeh.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$610**
"Brainbasher Challenge". To provide for an after school contest in an attempt to foster an interest in STEM related fields of study and careers.
- **Chariho Middle School**, Shelley Kenney, saken@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$350**
"Middle School Bookmark". A project where students create a bookmark design in art class with love of reading theme. This project is an extension into the middle school from a high school project in place.
- **Chariho High School**, Shelley Kenny, saken@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1000**
"Summer Institute in Digital Literacy " To fund a six day institute at URI exploring how literacy is changing as a result of emerging media and technologies.
- **Chariho High School and Middle School**, Azadeh Noorbaloochi, Azadeh.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$608**
"Faculty atScience & Engineering Festival" To provide funds for up to four faculty members to attend a two day Science and Engineering Festival to foster an increase in students interest in STEM related careers and fields.
- **Chariho High School**, Ryan Bridgman srjbri@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1200**
"Emergency GO-kits, To purchase Go-kits for each classroom that contain information and materials regarding drills and emergencies.
- **Chariho High School**, Shelley Kenny, saken@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$375**
'Student Filmmaking Projects ', To provide funds for transportation to URI for a filmmaking workshop headed by Jonathan Friesen. Students will write a script, shoot and then edit film in one day.
- **Chariho High School and Middle School** ,Azadeh Noorbaloochi, Azadeh.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1818**
"3D Printing ", To provide the funds for 3D printers and supplies to support STEM program in middle school and after school STEM club at the high school.

2013

- **Hope Valley Elementary School**, G. Gencarelli, Giuseppe.Gencarelli@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$941**
"We do Robotics Club". To start a robotics enrichment program after school to promote innovators and to allow students to collaborate, be creative, be critical thinkers and problem solvers.
- **Chariho High School** , Azadej Noorbaloochi, AZADEH.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$350**
"After School Stem Club". To create an after school club to motivate an interest in areas of math, science, engineering and technology and to provide awards to students who participate in the after school STEM Club.
- **Chariho High School**, Mary Moen, Mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1000**
"Chariho Reads" To purchase copies of Read Across RI 2014 book selection and to encourage the Chariho community to join the state wide One State One Book initiative.
- **Chariho High School**, Linda Musch, ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1000**
"Chef's Move" . To expose students to healthy eating following the Chef's Move Initiative begun by Michele Obama. To allow high school students working with younger students preparing healthy meals.
- **Chariho High School**, Azadeh Noorbaloochi, Azadeh.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$614**
"After School Stem Club" To create an after school STEM club to motivate students in areas of mathematics, science, engineering and technology and to purchase equipment kits to various student projects.
- **Chariho High School**, Michael Shiels, Mike.shiels@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1000**
"Athletic Broadcast Intern" To establish a broadcasting program and create a partnership with PLAY ON SPORTS and to purchase the equipment necessary to broadcast Chariho sports.

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- **Frosty Drew Nature Center**, Francine. Jackson , Francine_Jackson@Brown.edu \$260
"Simply Science". To provide the funds for third graders and their families for a three week series of 1 hour programs at Frosty Drew Nature Center.
- **Chariho Middle School**, A. Noorbaloochi, Azadeh.noorbaloochi@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1887
After School Robotics Problem Solving \$1887 To provide funds for engaging students in areas of science, engineering and mathematics and to design projects through hands on real world application.

2012

- **Charlestown Elementary**, Kathleen Wright Kathleen.Wright@chariho.k12.ri.us. \$ 1,000
"Foundation Reading Program" is a project to purchase Wilson Foundations material. The primary purpose of this project is to give teachers an explicit phonics program that aligns with rigorous Common Core Standards. It will be used for daily instruction as well as for intervention with struggling learners in Kindergarten and First Grade.
- **Charlestown Elementary**, Ann Marie Louzon amlou@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,000
"We're on the Ball" – Funds would be used to purchase stability balls for a First and Third Grade Classrooms. Research supports that there is a link between moving and learning. Students who sit on ball chairs have marked improvement in behavior, concentration, focus and attend better during classroom instruction.
- **Chariho District Wide**, Brenda Medina Brenda.medina@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 600
"Family Supper Table" – Purpose is to provide families, particularly with children, a nourishing and free meal within a "restaurant setting" atmosphere for 2 Mondays after December. Culinary Arts students will prepare the meals and Charlestown Senior Center will be the location.
- **Charlestown Elementary**, Cynthia Reiser-Jones cerei@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,500
"Brain Multi Learning" – Primary purpose is to provide additional learning resources for student leaning and teacher instruction. The purchase of BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. are web-based, multimedia learning tools for delivering instructional content. The programs support Common Core Standards through curriculum-based content, assessment tools, and other resources.
- **Chariho Middle School** , Iris Ornberg Iris.Ornberg@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,400
"Intel Reader" - The funds will be used to purchase 2 Intel Readers and 2 sets of headphones. The primary purpose is to assist two students with severe dyslexia in the classroom setting by allowing them to use an Intel Reader device.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 750
"Ronald McDonald House" - This project is twofold: to prepare dinner for the Providence Ronald McDonald House and gain experience in catering and transporting food. Ronald McDonald House services many area residents from time to time while their children are located at Hasbro Children's Hospital.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch - ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 900
"Chef in the Classroom" – To expose 5th graders to healthy eating following the Chef Moves Schools initiative begun by First Lady Michele Obama. High School students would work with younger students preparing healthy meals or snacks through hands on activities.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,000
"Thanksgiving" - Cross Generational Dinner that the Students will plan, prepare, and serve to the senior citizens in the community.

2011

- **Hope Valley Elementary**, Kerry Pastore kapas@chariho.k12.ri.us. \$ 990
"RAZ-Kids" is a project to purchase 14 subscriptions to online leveled book library and purchase 10 multimedia headsets.
- **Hope Valley Elementary**, Mary Ann Mello mamel@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 450
"Magnificent Math" – Funds would be used to purchase hands on math manipulatives as well as some electronic math games to help teach mathematical thinking and fluency in the classroom.
- **Chariho District Wide**, Brenda Medina Brenda.medina@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,500
"Summer Read Aloud" – Purpose is to provide students with literature within a formal reading program at established summer recreational programs located within the district. Multiple copies of books from the RI Children's Book Award will be purchased to share with the children in the Summer Recreational Programs and then the copies will be donated to the Chariho School Libraries.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,000
"g Tablets" – Students need access to the online library catalog to search for books, database articles, and web links but access to the catalog is restricted because the computer bay is also used for scheduled research classes. Four wireless Tablets would enable students to search for books and digital resources available in the library.
- **Chariho Middle School** , Kate Kelley Kate.Kelley@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,500

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"eReaders in School" - The funds will be used to purchase ebooks that will be owned by the school and accessible by multiple users. Ebooks can be used whole, group, or individual with the electronic devices in the school such as Smart Boards, laptops, etc.

- **Chariho Middle School**, Brenda Medina Brenda.Medina@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 1,400**
"IPads for Students" - Funds will be used to purchase IPads to offer an academic supplement, as well as, an incentive for students struggling with academic and behavioral issues.
- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**, Mary Moen Mary.Moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 547**
"eReaders for Reluctant Readers" - This project is twofold: to provide a way to bring ebooks to library users as well as to bring new technologies that may assist students become better readers.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch - ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 800**
"Chef in the Classroom" – To expose 5th graders to healthy eating following the Chef Moves Schools initiative begun by First Lady Michele Obama. High School students would work with younger students preparing healthy meals or snacks through hands on activities.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 750**
"Thanksgiving" - Cross Generational Dinner that the Students will plan, prepare, and serve to the senior citizens in the community.
- **Career & Technical**, Jill Shurtleff – Jill.Shurtleff@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 1,000**
"Cosmetology Service Project" – Purpose of the grant is to provide Chariho Cosmetology students with an ongoing community project by providing reduce services to the senior citizens who are from the area and clients who use the Wood River Health Center. Supplies will be purchased with the funds to provide these services.
- **RYSE School**, David Kennedy – David.Kennedy@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 941**
"Audio/Visual Technology" – Purchase 2 televisions and 2 DVD players to reinforcement and enhance the academic curriculum.

2010

- **Richmond Elementary**, Jean Mandeville jean.mandeville@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Insect" is a project to work cooperatively with the second grade teachers using the science kit and integrating it into each of the specialist areas. This continuity will enable the students to make connections with nature and the arts.
- **Ashaway Elementary**, Karen Mann & Clare Ornburn karen.mann@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Lighthouses in Rhode Island" – Funds would be used to purchase Flip video cameras with accessories to be used in the classroom by students. Students will research lighthouses in Rhode Island and build a model. They will then film their models from different perspectives to answer questions.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever, michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 538**
"People of Ancient Times" - The 6th grade teachers have created a project that incorporates social studies content standards with ELA writing standards and information literacy skills. Students will write a research paper in MLA format incorporating research, Cornell Note Taking, and writing skills.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever, michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Document Cameras" - Teachers need classroom equipment that provides live image capture of documents, pictures, textbooks, and three-dimensional objects. 10 IPEBO document cameras would be used in science classrooms in grades 6 - 8 for larger than life image projection.
- **Chariho Middle School**, Diane Kissinger diane.kissinger@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Manikins/first Aid Training" - The funds will be used to purchase 2 junior manikins. This will provide students with Rescue Breathing, Choking, and CPR Training as part of their American Red Cross Babysitter Certification.
- **Chariho Middle School**, Cheryl Lightfritz cheryl.lightfritz@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Sensory Garden" - Funds will be used to complete 120 foot long pathway that is not wheelchair accessible.
- **Chariho High School**, Grade 10, Vin Levcowich vincent.levcowich@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 794**
"Good vs. Evil" - This project is twofold. First, using graphic novels a different type of literature. Second, this project is to teach the art of persuasive writing. All graphic novels selected for the project focus on the concept of good vs. evil.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center**, Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 350**
"Design a Bookmark" - The "Create a Bookmark" contest is a collaborative project that is designed to draw attention to reading as well as to showcase students' artistic talents. Funds will be used for the printing of the 8 winning bookmark designs.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Thanksgiving" - Cross Generational Dinner that the Students will plan, prepare, and serve to the senior citizens in the community.
- **Career & Technical**, Jill Shurtleff – jill.shurtleff@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Cosmetology Community Project" – Purpose of the grant is to purchase supplies that are needed to provide half-price services to the senior citizens who reside in the area.

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- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch – ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Ronald McDonald House" – Purchase food supplies to provide dinner at Ronald McDonald House once per month. Goal is to gain experience in catering and transporting food.
- **Chariho High School**, Ben Jordan/Mary Moen – mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 110**
"Healthy Decision Making" – Purchase 5 videos to support healthy decision making in bullying, teen dating, dysfunctional families, etc.
- **Chariho High School**, Keith Moreau – keith.moreau@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 600**
"The Lightning Thief" – The purpose is to purchase 100 copies of the contemporary novel to be used in the mythology unit.
- **Chariho High School**, Susan Davis – scdav@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Enjoying Poetry" – Funds would be used to purchase variety of poetry books to be used in a Poetry Unit.
- **Chariho High School**, Lynn Norton/Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 358**
"Graduation Portfolio" - Funds would be used to purchase digital cameras and related equipment to be used for portfolio requirements and AP Art program.
- **Chariho High School**, Margaret Arsenault mmhow@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 100**
"The Blind Side" - Funds would be used to purchase a book about Michael Ohr which will be used in an integrated unit about Tolerance and Coming of Age.
- **Chariho Task Force**, Terri Censabella – terri.censabella@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 760**
"Natural Helpers" – Funds will be used to purchase a laptop and digital camera. Natural Helpers will use the equipment to take photographs and develop a power point presentation for the incoming 5th grade class each spring called "Chariho Middle School ROCKS". This presentation is intended to alleviate fears and anxieties of entering the middle school.
- **Chariho High School**, Susan Davis scdav@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 300**
"Serendipity" - The purpose of Serendipity is to encourage adults and students to form a reading partnership and for participants to experience reading as an enjoyable, recreational activity. Funds will be used to purchase multiple copies of a book chosen for the Book Club.

2009

- **Richmond Elementary**, Tami Neill tami.neill@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Handwriting without Tears" - The purpose of this program would be to make handwriting a natural and automatic skill for children. This program works nicely with special needs students as well as typical developing students.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 8**, Stephen Cormier – stephen.cormier@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 600**
"Salt Marsh Nursery" – Funds would be used to purchase 8 Grow Light Systems. Students would be involved in the Save the Bay Salt Marsh Nursery Program. They would visit an area salt marsh in the fall and learn about the different species of plants that grow in these areas and collect seeds to start seedlings in early Spring to plant later to help the marshes.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 450**
"U.S. Presidents" - The new curriculum now places special emphasis on the first 10 presidents, specifically their political platform, highlights and challenges of their presidency. The funds would be used to purchase books that are specific to these topics.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 450**
"Native Americans" - The new curriculum now places special emphasis on the specific tribes and region characteristics. The funds would be used to purchase books that are specific to these topics and so students will have access for research projects.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 345**
"Flip Video" - The funds will be used to purchase 3 Flip Camcorders. With this equipment, students would be able to easily videotape and download evidence of their learning. These videos may be added to power point presentations, photo story, movie maker, etc.
- **Chariho Middle School**, Cheryl Lightfritz cheryl.lightfritz@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 285**
"Digital Camera/Printer" - Our students have special needs that prevent them from being able to go home and tell their family about their school day. Through the use of digital pictures we can create the communication for the family so they may see what they have been learning.
- **Chariho High School**, Grade 10, Vin Levcowich vincent.levcowich@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 672**
"Human Rights and Resiliency" - This project will incorporate the, First They Killed My Father: A Cambodian Daughter Remembers by Loung Ung. The book connects to the 10th grade's overarching theme - coming of age. Because of the book's message, all students, especially those considered to be "at risk" will have a positive connection.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center**, Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Chariho Reads" - Funds continue the annual program that circulates a carefully chosen book among students, teachers, staff and parents. Subsequent discussions in school and after school promote inter-generation communications.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 750**
"Thanksgiving" - Cross Generational Dinner that the Students will plan, prepare, and serve to the senior citizens in the community.

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- **Ashaway Elementary** , Karen Mann – kmman@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Discovering Quality Literature" – Purpose of the grant is to replace 46 old worn-out books with a new edition to put them back into circulation.
- **Charlestown Elementary** , Cynthia Reiser-Jones – cerei@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 900**
"Playaway Digital Audiobooks" – Purchase 20 Playaway Digital Audiobooks to update listening resources for students.
- **Charlestown Elementary** , Holly Manchester/Nancy Sherman – holly.manchester@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Kids on Keyboards" – Research shows a significant gain in math and science for students who participate in music lessons. Purpose is to pilot a music program where second graders get a weekly piano lesson followed by in class practice time.
- **Hope Valley Elementary** , Kerry Pastore/Mary Ann Mello – kapas@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 590**
"Hands On Reading Manipulatives" – The purpose is to purchase of hands on reading manipulatives to help teach phonics in the classroom Research shows that using a kinesthetic approach helps to reach all children.
- **Chariho Middle School** , James McMonigle – james.mcmonigle@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 152**
"American Burying Beetle" – Funds would be used to purchase supplies to participate in the restoration of an endangered species. Participants will trap carrion beetles in order to ascertain if any of the target beetles are in the local area.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center** , Kate Kelley kate.kelley@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 477**
"Filling in the Gaps" - Funds would be used to purchase additional copies and additional books in some newer curriculum areas like War of 1812, types of government, composers, robotics, etc.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center** , Kate Kelley kate.kelley@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 481**
"Reaching Out to Reluctant Readers" - Funds would be used to expand our collection to provide more titles for the reluctant readers especially our most popular authors and/or series.
- **Chariho Middle School** , Susan Davis scdav@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 450**
"Serendipity" - The purpose of Serendipity is to encourage adults and students to form a reading partnership and for participants to experience reading as an enjoyable, recreational activity. Funds will be used to purchase multiple copies of a book chosen for the Book Club.

2008

- **Ashaway Elementary** , Franca Corina – franca.corina@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Reading Benchmark Assessment" – New assessment kits will be used by classroom teachers to conduct running record assessments. The kits have been updated and will provide teachers with an abundance of summative data to guide instruction.
- **Chariho Middle School** , Kerri Warbuton – kerri.warburton@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Sensory Garden" – Created an interactive sensory environment that will serve the needs of all Chariho students and community members.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 8** , Stephen Cormier – rid22984@ride.ri.net **\$ 703**
"Blutrack Project" – This project purchased Blutrack supplies and stopwatches to support physical science activities on motion and energy.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 7** , Catherine Peters – cathy.peters@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Rhode Island History" - The goal of this project is to provide literacy rich social studies classrooms with sources on Rhode Island history to support the Rhode Island grade span expectations in Rhode Island History curriculum.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center** , Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
"Chariho Reads" - Funds continue the annual program that circulates a carefully chosen book among students, teachers, staff and parents. Subsequent discussions in school and after school promote inter-generation communications.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center** , Mary Manning – mary.manning@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 358**
"Computer Copyholders" - With such limited space in the Library Media Center, the computers are positioned close together, which doesn't allow students to place reference material next to the computers so they may type. With copyholders attached to the computers, this problem is solved.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center** , Mary Manning – mary.manning@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 1,000**
"Improving Literacy with Audiobooks" – The purpose of this project is to continue purchasing audiobooks to engage the reluctant and remedial reader in the same novels as their peers.
- **Career & Technical Center** , Linda Musch – lsmus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 950**
"Ronald McDonald House Dinner Project" – Purpose of the grant is to prepare dinner for the Providence Ronald McDonald House , so that the students gain experience in catering and transporting food..
- **Richmond Elementary School** , Mary Ellen Sposato mespo@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
"Multi-sensory Phonics and Reading"- To purchase a variety of hands on and reference materials to use in implementing a hands on, multi-sensory approach to teaching phonics and reading to both struggling and grade level readers.

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- **Richmond Elementary School**, Tami Neill tami.neill@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
 "Handwriting without Tears" - The purpose of this program would be to make handwriting a natural and automatic skill for children. This program works nicely with special needs students as well as typical developing students.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 6**, Etta Zasloff elzas@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 438**
 "Dig It!" - This project strengthens the connection of social studies, literature, and drama by providing every student in the production with a complete script of the play "Dig It!", a musical tale of ancient civilizations, by John Jacobson, to be used as a classroom book selection during reading instruction prior to developing the play for performance to all parents and all other sixth graders in the school.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 7/8**, Nicole Allen and Silvana Andrews Nicole.allen.@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 534**
 "Literature Circle Read-a-thon" - The purpose is to teach common theme to multi-level literature based groups, to combine literature with community service project to enhance the lives and learning of needy preschoolers, and to strengthen the values and integrity of the Middle School students.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 528**
 "Media Creator" - To purchase software and supplies in order to enable teachers to transfer video streaming files to DVD's for playback in the classroom on more traditional equipment.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
 "Ancient India" - In order to better align the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum with the Natural History Standards, Ancient India is a new topic added to the curriculum. This grant will purchase books on Ancient India and improve the small collection.
- **Middle and High School**, Michele Shadoian mlsha@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
 "Mentor – Chariho" - This grant will enhance the Mentor Program in Chariho. It will provide training for new mentors.
- **Chariho High School**, Michele Merlino Michele.merlino@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 150**
 "Elizabeth Buffam Chase House Project" - This project will provide for quilting supplies to be used in the Family and Consumer Science program. At the completion of the project, these donated quilts will be provide to the recipients at the Eizabeth Buffam Chase House.
- **Chariho High School**, Michele Merlino Michele.merlino@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 150**
 "Breads for the Food Pantry" - This Family and Consumer Science Project would incorporate a community service/nutrition lesson in the Parenting/Child Development classes. The goal will be to incorporate a hands-on lesson in child nutrition to students and to bake fruit/nut bread or whole-rolls to be brought to the Community Food Pantry.
- **Career & Technical**, Linda Musch ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
 "Healthy Snacks" - Primary purpose of the project is for older students to work with the younger student in the preparation of healthy snacks. The students will travel to each elementary school in the District to: act as role models, practice public speaking, teach how to read and understand labels, and teach the proper way to prepare food.
- **Career & Technical**, Jill Shurtleff jill.shurtleff@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
 "Cosmetology Community Service" - The purpose is to provide Cosmetology students with an ongoing service project by providing all free services to the people who are from the area and use the Wood River Health Center. The grant will purchase supplies needed to perform the free service.

2007

- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever, michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 505**
 Playaways, the world's first self-playing digital audiobook would enable students to listen to a book without requiring any additional equipment on their part. The Library will purchase 11 audiobooks that would be available to check out of the library just like any other printed material. This would allow differentiated instruction, and motivate students who would not ordinarily choose a lengthy book to read but will encourage students to listen to a book at or slightly above their reading level.
- **Chariho Middle School Grade 7/8**, Dan Potts dan.potts@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
 Fly Fishing Club: The goal of this program is three fold. First to provide the students with an opportunity to learn how we interact with each other and our natural world, specifically water resources. Secondly, to provide exposure to a life long physical and mental health activity, fly tying and fly fishing. Lastly we are trying to engage students in a learning activity to increase their understanding of macro-invertebrate populations within the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed so they can make positive decisions about this precious natural resource.
- **Chariho Tri-Town Task Force** paulaatcttf@cox.net **\$1,000**
 Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Education for Parents of Teenagers: The project will provide 3 to 4 parent sessions on the current use and abuse of alcohol and other drug as well as education on current topics, such as internet use, mental health issues, etc. The goal is to educate Chariho community members to be informed in the current trends that put our children at risk.

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- **Ashaway Elementary School, Library**, Karen Mann – karen.mann@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 500
Playaway Books: to provide “playaway” portable audio books to upper elementary students, especially reluctant readers, to encourage their interest in the library and reading.
- **Richmond Elementary School**, Mary Ellen Sposato - mespo@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
Teaching Writing Traits: To create a collection of picture books and ‘write traits’ writing lessons to utilize in the classroom to help students to become strong writers.
- **Charlestown Elementary School, Music**, I.Rondeau & D. Fitts - donna.fitts@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
Bowed psaltery lessons will be taught in the After School Hours Fun Learning Program. There will be short lessons about medieval history incorporating information about the instrument’s origins.
- **Chariho Middle School, Library Media Ctr.**, M. Steever - michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 500
Renaissance Literature – The purchase of books on the Renaissance will develop the small collection on the topic providing more students access to quality print materials that will align with the recently changed social studies curriculum.
- **Chariho RYSE Program**, David Kennedy – dmkennedy44@cox.net \$ 785
Provide the RYSE building with 2 sets of television, DVD player, and cart. This equipment will help support and reinforce the academic lessons through audio and visual means.
- **Chariho High School, Grade 11**, K.Moreau & M. Arsenault – keith.moreau@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 350
“The Glass Castle” -The 11th Grade theme in English focuses on the American Dream. The purchase of this contemporary novel allows students to engage in real-world experiences of a person who over came enormous obstacles and persevered despite them.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Ctr.**, Mary Moen – mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 400
Great Books will provide 29 audio books in the library which will help remedial and reluctant readers enjoy the same novels as their peers. The goal is to open them to the idea of reading as part of their every day life.
- **Chariho High School**, Danette Bray – danette.bray@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 350
Chess Club – The purchase of equipment to start a club at the High School will bring students together to compete in a challenging and healthy activity in which the skills learned can be utilized throughout their life.
- **Chariho High School, Grade 10**, V. Levcowich – vincent.levcowich@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 500
“I Am the Messenger” – The purchase of 45 copies of the book will be incorporated as part of the 10th grade overarching theme – coming of age.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, R. Picard – richar.picard@Chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 500
Auto Restoration – Automotive Department has been working on restoring a 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme. The grant would help to purchase parts and supplies to modify the exhaust system to comply with Federal Standards.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, J. Shurtleff – jill.shurleff@Chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
Cosmetology Community Service – Grant would purchase supplies for the Cosmetology student to go into the community. They would offer free services to all senior citizens of Chariho. They will be partnering with Community Food Pantry of Charles town, Canonchet Cliffs, and Wood River Health.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center**, Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
“Chariho Reads Project” - Funds to continue the annual program that circulates a carefully chosen book among students, teachers, staff and parents. Subsequent discussions in school and after school promote inter-generation communications.

2006

- **Chariho High School, Phys. Ed. Department**, Mike Nedwidek - mike.nedwidek@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000*
Purchases of badminton & table tennis equipment to help generate increased student participation in Phys. Ed. Classes.
- **Chariho Middle School, Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever- michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 443
Purchases science kits to help align the 5th grade science curriculum with new regional standards.
- **Chariho Middle School, Library Media Center**, Kate Kelley - kate.kelly@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 471
Provides extra library books to loan to students who are unable to purchase books recommended for summer reading programs.
- **Chariho Middle School, Phys. Ed. Department**, Michael Shiels - michael.shiels@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000*
Funds equipment needed to start a beginners physical fitness program for all middle school students.
- **Chariho Middle School, Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever- michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 400
Furnishes Federal City introductory materials that help 8th graders better appreciate the annual class trip to Washington, DC.
- **Charlestown Elementary School**, Nancy Sherman - nancy.sherman@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 372
Supplies materials to train parent volunteers from Charlestown and Ashaway Elementary Schools to play recorders so they can help implement the recorder skills testing program previously conducted by student teachers.

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- **Chariho Middle School, Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever - michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 346
Implements a comprehensive Internet Safety Awareness program for all middle school students.
- **Chariho Regional School District Art Center**, Debra Engel - debra.engel@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 400*
Funds acquisition of art supplies, advertising and printing assistance needed to publicize a guest artist lecture series for Chariho high school art student and interested adults.
- **Richmond Elementary School**, Jeanne Garr, Mary Ellen Sposato, & Allison Ward - jeanne.garr@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000

The grant is designed to promote and excite students about reading in the fourth grade by participating in America's Battle of the Books program. Funds will be used to purchase "Books on Tape" and listening centers so that all students may have access to a wide range of Grade 2 through 6 reading levels. The culminating activity will be a participation in friendly competition in May.

- **Chariho High School**, Michel Merlino - michele.merlino@chariho.k12.ri.us \$629
Child Growth and Development grant will provide funding for one realistic infant simulator. Students will be responsible for making informed decisions about child care and will gain insight into the tasks and temperament needed to be a responsible parent.
- **Chariho High School**, Mary Moen mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
The grant continues a community-wide program begun in 2003. The book, *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty, will be circulated round the community. Copies are read by students, parents, and faculty then literacy events are planned with the public libraries.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 535
The goal is to enable students to create new information, not only to consume it. Funding would provide headphones and microphones so that students would be allowed to record voice narratives to add to Powerpoint presentations, photo story videos, and other programs.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center & Grade 7**, Michelle Steever - michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 400

Students will learn about the Underground Railroad, the rules people played, the signs runaway slaves needed to understand during their escape, and the risks these people took to escape and to stand by their beliefs. Funds will be used to purchase multi-level books so that all may participate in the discussions and projects.

- **Chariho High School**, Todd Grimes and Ben Jordan - todd.grimes@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 1,000
The goal is to provide all Seniors with up-to-date training in First Aid/CPR/AED in partnership with the American Red Cross in preparing students to become informed and compassionate citizens. The funds will be used to purchase sets of DVD's and Manuals.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Linda Musch - ismus@charih.k12.ri.us \$ 900
The project will be having Culinary Arts students visiting each elementary school to teach K through Grade 4 students about healthy eating habits and how to make healthy snacks. Funding covers the cost of healthy snacks.
- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**, Michelle Steever - michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 535
The goal is to raise reading comprehension at the Middle Level. Funds would provide listening center equipment to enable groups of students to listen to books on audio tapes which research has found listening to orally presented material improves vocabulary and comprehension to the less able reader.

2005

- **Chariho High School & Middle School**, Michael Reeves - michael.reeves@chariho.k12.ri.net \$1,000
Funds provide materials and training for adventure programming. Adventure programs are activities that help students learn respect, cooperation, teamwork, problem-solving, and have fun in the process.
- **Chariho High School**, Barbara Volpe - BV2521@cox.net \$ 600
Grant will buy the novels *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *Five People You'll Meet in Heaven*. The two novels will enhance the Grade 11 honors program by adding literature from contemporary authors to the "old classics".
- **Chariho Middle School**, Donna Walsh - donna.walsh@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
Program organizes the school into smaller-than-class-size groups who will have a hands-on opportunity to research bridge building, organize a construction company and, over three years, build a model bridge.
- **Chariho Middle School**, Paul DeRita - paul.derita@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000
Funds will buy the equipment and materials needed to introduce middle school students to the world of plastics. They will explore most common methods forming raw plastics into useful products.
- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**, Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 386
Grant will create Literature Circles and read-aloud opportunities using books from the 2006 Rhode Island Teen Book Award list. Six copies of eight different titles will be available for teachers and students to use.

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- **Charlestown Elementary School**, Cynthia Rieser-Jones - cerei@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 815**
Monies will purchase DVD's that enhance the school's science curriculum. Students will benefit from access to new science concepts and enhanced technology. The DVD's replace aged science videos in poor condition.
- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**, Elisabeth Sinwell - ehsin@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 490**
Funds will purchase copies of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. This handbook will help students write better research papers.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Linda Musch - ismus@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 700**
Project has having Culinary Arts students visit each elementary school to teach students from K through 4th grade about the value of eating healthier snacks. Funding covers the cost of healthy snacks and transportation.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Grace M. Pagel **\$ 900**
Grant provides the EMT Training Program with funds for student transportation to emergency rooms and ambulance corps where they can gain greater appreciation for the operation of emergency medical facilities.
- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**, Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
Funds continue the annual program that circulates a carefully chosen book among students, teachers, staff and parents. Subsequent discussions in school and after school promote inter-generation communications.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Jill Shurtleff - jill.shurtleff@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
Project introduces Cosmetology students to the value of community service. Services such as free hair styling are provided at senior housing facilities so that the needs of seniors with limited budgets are better understood.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Ken Bickford - ken.bickford@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 600**
Project exposes Grade 9 students to the opportunities available in the construction industry. Students will seek construction projects from schools and the community then purchase the materials needed to build the projects.
- **Chariho Career & Technical Center**, Jeff Domingoes - j.domingoes@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
Funds buy software that controls of all the computers in a classroom from a single work station. Drafting & Design students can then watch at their own desks as the teacher develops drawings on his or her desk top.

2004

- **Richmond Elementary School, Grades 3 - 4**; Maureen Ciuryla, maureen.ciuryla@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
The project uses audio tapes with books to help students overcome severe reading disabilities.
- **Chariho Middle School Reading Program**; Susan Davis - susan.davis@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
The Reading Lab at the middle school created home/school partnerships of students, teachers and parents to help all parties better understand their role in improving student reading skills.
- **Ashaway Elementary School, Grades 3 – 5**; Kelly Gordon - kelly.gordon@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
The project promotes healthier lifestyles among students by supplying them with pedometers used to monitor time spent achieving physical activity milestones set by the physical education staff.
- **Chariho High School, Social Studies Dept**; James Peters - james.peters@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
This project increases students' awareness of the history of the three towns in the school district. Students created Internet presentations that can be accessed by residents and visitors to region.
- **Chariho High School, Library Media Center**; Elizabeth Sinwell - ehsin@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 500**
The goal is to teach students to use oral, written and graphic means to better communicate with an audience. The funds bought the computer tools needed to create effective multi-media presentations.
- **Richmond Elementary School, 3rd Grade**; Jeanne Garr & Martha Stuart - jeanne.garr@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
The project purchased three Roamer Robots that were "taught" to draw various geometric shapes. The robots help young students convert mental images into real geometric designs.
- **Woman's Resource Center of South County** Amy Retsinus & Alicia Ciprian - acipriano@wrcsc.org **\$ 500**
The project created support groups that are open to female high school students who wish to discuss issues involving relationships and gender in an educational and confidential setting.
- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**;
Elizabeth Sinwell & Mary Moen - mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$1,000**
The grant continues a community-wide program begun in 2003. A book is selected and copies circulated round the community. Copies are read by students, parents and faculty then discussed in after-hours programs.
- **Chariho Middle School, Technology Students Association**,
Paul DiRita - paul.derita@chariho.k12.ri.us **\$ 900**
The grant partly funded a program to improve students' critical thinking skills by having them build robots. The funds bought a portable computer that can change the robots' skills during in competitions outside the school.

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The next four applications were done more economically by merging them into two grants and sharing resources.

- **Chariho High School After School Art Club**, Synora Matacia - synoramatacia@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 900
- **Chariho High School Arts Center**, Debra Engel - dengel@excite.com \$ 900

These two grants approached arts appreciation using different mediums but culminated in Public Gallery Nights and had need for a common need for a display case to safely display students' art projects. The two awards were for art materials. The Chariho Career & Technical Center was awarded \$500 build the display case.

- **Charlestown Elementary School, Grade 4**, Heidi Fee & Susan Killingbeck - heidiffee@cox.net \$ 300
- **Charlestown Elementary School, Grade 2**, Laurie Pearce \$ 300

Both projects involve bird observation that requires bird feeders of various types and other materials. Grade 2 students will create a field guide for local species while Grade 4 is creating a mini-refuge adjacent to the school.

2003

- **Chariho Middle School, 6th Grade**; Jennifer Gleason - jen.gleason@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000

A project to create vivid mental imagery using descriptive language. Funding is for digital cameras to take pictures of scenic South County locations and create vivid written descriptions from the photos.

- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**; Kate Kelley – kate.kelley@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000

A project to improve the 6th grade student magazine by purchasing desktop publishing software for the media center. Software eventually will be used for many middle school applications.

- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**; Michelle Steever – michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,400

A grant to foster a passion for good literature by involving 5th graders from the Middle School, Hope Valley and Ashaway in the Rooster Games. The games apply information from assigned readings to creative thinking exercises.

- **Charlestown Elementary School PTO** - hollyeaves@cox.net \$1,000

Funding for expansion of the elementary school playground for children ages 5 – 12. Total cost of the project is \$24,000 with \$12,000 in hand and \$10,000 pledged from Town of Charlestown.

- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**; Kate Kelley – kate.kelley@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000

Funds to be used to purchase 29 books on tape or CD to create an audio library for all students at Chariho Middle School. Audio books address the needs of students who are struggling and reluctant readers.

- **Ashaway Elementary School**; Karen Mann – karen.mann@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 910

This project raises awareness of cultural diversity. The entire school spends one school year learning the culture of Mexico. Students will see Mexican performers, authors, artists, books and foods and observe several Mexican holidays.

- **Charlestown Elementary School, 3rd Grade**: Lori Rathbone – lori.rathbone@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 500

In 1998, a project began to teach students about other towns. Two puppets traveled by Internet to other locales where students added to a diary accompanying the puppets. Funds added 10 Atlases so students could follow each puppets' trip.

- **Chariho High School Library Media Center**; Elizabeth Sinwell – ehsin@chariho.k12.ri.us \$1,000

The project bought 100 copies of *The Secret Life of Bees* and then enlisted students, teachers, parents and others from the Chariho area to read the book. It united high school and adult readers in a common experience focused on literacy.

- **Chariho Middle School Library Media Center**; Michelle Steever – michelle.steever@chariho.k12.ri.us \$ 715

The funding bought cameras and software needed to publish an online newspaper for the school. Students were then able to discover more about the world of journalists, editors, photographers, layout designers and other newspaper staff.

- **Hope Valley Elementary School**; Elizabeth Pare - uerj2065@aol.com \$1,000

The project engaged all of the school's students in creating an interactive mural depicting Hopkinton's past, present and future. The mural focuses on ten familiar town destinations. An educational flip pad is attached next to each sites' picture.

Total Funds Awarded from 2003 - 2014

\$118,164

* Partially funded grant requests

An electronic copy of each grant application is available, via email, for anyone who wishes more details.

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