GRANT PROSPECT: Middlesex Canal Association Building Project

**Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc.**

**Prospect: Fair A**

Large multi-state grants. Mostly MD but some MA; mostly education, but some museum. Specifies maritime museum (and largest grant is to Islands Institute in Maine) so probably a sailing family. Emphasize maritime?

Funding Range: $5000- $150,000

From Guidestar:

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**Type of Grantmaker**  
Independent foundation  
**IRS Exemption Status**: 501(c)(3)  
**Additional Descriptor**: Family foundation  
**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: $30,256,638; Total giving: $1,011,433  
**EIN**: 731256124  
**990-PF**: [2011](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_201112_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2010](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_201012_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2009](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200912_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2008](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200812_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2007](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200712_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2006](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200612_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2005](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200512_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2004](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200412_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2003](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200312_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2002](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200212_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank) [2001](http://990s.foundationcenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/731/731256124/731256124_200112_990PF.pdf" \t "_blank)

**Last Updated:** 2/3/2013

**Donor(s)**  
Note: If a donor is deceased, the symbol (‡) follows the name.  
Grayce B. Kerr Flynn‡  
Breene M. Kerr

**Background**  
Chartered in 1986 in OK; reincorporated in 1993 in MD.

**Limitations**  
Giving primarily in MD; funding also in MA and ME.  
No grants to individuals, or for general operating or continuing support.

**Purpose and Activities**  
Major area of interest is education, including higher, secondary, elementary, and early childhood education; support also for environmental conservation, museums, public policy research, and nonprofit organizations focused on improving the quality of life.

**Fields of Interest**  
**Subjects**  
Community/economic development  
Education, early childhood education  
Elementary/secondary education  
Environment, climate change/global warming  
Environment, natural resources  
Environment, research  
Higher education  
Museums  
Museums (marine/maritime)  
Public policy, research

**Geographic Focus**  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts

**Types of Support**  
Building/renovation  
Capital campaigns  
Curriculum development  
Employee matching gifts  
Equipment  
Matching/challenge support  
Professorships  
Program development  
Publication  
Research

**Publications**  
Application guidelines

**Application Information**  
Application form required. Initial approach: Telephone for guidelines  
Copies of proposal: 1  
Board meeting date(s): As necessary  
Deadline(s): None  
Final notification: 3 months after final proposal is submitted

**Officers**  
**Sheryl V. Kerr**, Chairperson  
**John R. Valliant**, CEO and President  
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**Trustees**  
**Collin W. Scarborough**  
**Marcy Kerr Yuknat**

**Staff**  
1 full-time professional  
1 full-time support

**Memberships**  
**Regional Associations of Grantmakers**  
Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers  
**Affinity Groups**  
Association of Small Foundations

**Financial Data**  
**Year ended 12/31/11:**  
Assets: $30,256,638 (market value)  
Expenditures: $1,812,946  
Total giving: $1,011,433  
Qualifying distributions: $1,011,433  
Giving activities include:   
$1,011,433 for grants

**Selected Grants**  
The following grants are a repre-sentative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:  
$150,000 to Island Institute, Rockland, ME, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$110,000 to Penobscot East Resource Center, Stonington, ME, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$53,333 to University of Maryland Foundation, Adelphi, MD, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$50,500 to Chesapeake College Foundation, Wye Mills, MD, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$28,382 to Talbot Hospice Foundation, Easton, MD, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$25,000 to Herreshoff Marine Museum, Bristol, RI, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$10,000 to Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, in 2010, pay over 1 year.  
$5,500 to Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$5,000 to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Saint Michaels, MD, in 2010, payable over 1 year.  
$5,000 to Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, in 2010, payable over 1 year.