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Eagle Fund & Janet's Fund Award More Than \$54,000.00 in Grants for Educational Enrichment Programs in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District

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The Eagle Fund has recently awarded more than \$54,000.00 in grants, in partnership with our sister endowment Janet's Fund, to programs benefiting students in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. Both funds are under the aegis of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Individual grants were awarded to students, teachers and community members for programs in the arts, climate action, cultural traditions of the music and dance of Africa, robotics, pottery, economics, FFA agriculture and leadership, life skills outings, a senior citizen luncheon, writers camp and more. The Fund received 39 applications and awarded grants to those who dare to dream: Eagle Awards are intended to "generate the excitement and enthusiasm that comes from knowing that through innovative thinking, good ideas, and thoughtful experimentation, dreams can be realized."

The Eagle Fund, founded in 1998, raises money via a phoneathon conducted in the fall by members of the school's chapter of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Pledges and additional donations come from residents and businesses in the five towns that make up the Southern Berkshire District: Alford, Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield. Donations are added to the fund's endowment managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield. As an endowed fund, the organization can serve as an ongoing source of enrichment funding for Southern Berkshire schools supplementing the district's educational reach by creating opportunities beyond what can be funded through the school district's budget. Full details about the fund are available at www.eagle-fund.net or www.berkshiretaconic.org