

MEET THE GRANTMAKERS

Funding for Youth & Education Programs

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ORGANIZATION/FOUNDATION NAME:

The Pinkerton Foundation

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INTERESTS:

(e.g., Fields of interest, areas funded, types of support or service, geographic region, exclusions, etc.)

The Foundation's principal program interests are focused on economically disadvantaged children, youth and families in New York City. The Foundation supports programs that develop individual competencies, instill values and increase opportunities to participate in society. Of particular interest are projects that advance healthy development of youth and demonstrate promising new ideas for greater program effectiveness.

The Foundation supports efforts to strengthen and expand community-based programs for children, youth and families in New York City. Projects with well-defined, measurable goals that provide continuous supports and opportunities over an extended period are preferred. The Foundation looks for programs with capable leadership and the ability to achieve their goals and sustain their programs over time.

The Foundation also occasionally funds research, demonstration and evaluation projects in its principal program areas. While grants for direct service projects are limited to New York City, those with potential for national impact or replication may go beyond this geographic limitation.

The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or provide emergency assistance, nor does it support medical research or the direct provision of health care, religious education or annual giving programs. It generally does not make grants to support conferences, publications or media, or to building renovation or other capital projects, unless they are integrally related to the Foundation's program objectives or are an outgrowth of one of its grantee's programs.

CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICE SUMMARY:

(e.g., 2008 disbursements, average grant size or range, summary of technical assistance, etc.)

2008 disbursements: \$6,658,960

Grant range: \$20,000 - \$75,000

Technical Assistance Grants: Occasionally and usually to long-term grantees.

PANELIST BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Mr. Bell has been with The Pinkerton Foundation since May 1991, first as a Program Associate, from December 1992 as Program Officer, and from December 2002 as Senior Program Officer. The foundation supports organizations that provide programs for children and families, generally in the non-school hours. The foundation presently has assets of approximately \$95,000,000 and will make about \$5,000,000 in grants in 2009. Mr. Bell is responsible for managing half of the foundation's grant program.

Before employment at The Pinkerton Foundation, Mr. Bell worked as a budget analyst at the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, he has worked as a Program Associate in the Philanthropy Department at JP Morgan Chase Bank; Research Director at Exploring the Metropolis; Associate Researcher of the Mayor's Private Sector Survey; and District Office Aide for former New York State Assemblyman Pete Grannis.

Mr. Bell holds a Bachelors Degree in history from Hunter College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University's Wagner School for Public Service.

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