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The Human Fund, a recently created local foundation dedicated to supporting arts education for Cleveland city children, will give the majority of its 2006 grant money to the Cleveland school district's All-City Arts program and the remainder to 18 organizations for arts-education efforts.

The All-City program, which encompasses All-City performing and art groups made up of Cleveland public-school students as well as the annual All-City musical theater production, will receive \$150,000. Other groups will be awarded between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Those organizations include: Art House, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Broadway School of Music & the Arts, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Cleveland School of the Arts, Ground Works Dancetheater, and the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland.

Also included: Near West Theatre, ParkWorks, Passport Project, Playhouse Square Center, Roberto Ocasio Foundation, Red (an orchestra), Roots of American Music, Suzuki Strings and Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland.

The Human Fund is the brainchild of its chairman, Andrew Rayburn, a Chagrin Falls businessman. He and some friends founded the nonprofit organization last spring to help Cleveland children benefit from the academic and emotional advantages arts education offers.

Rayburn and executive director Andrea Wedren announced in August that the school district would receive the fund's first significant grant.

Foundation money has come in part from a fund-raising party in October. Another benefit, this time a wine auction, will be Thursday, May 4, at Chagrin Falls' Hillbrook Country Club, Wedren said.

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