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October 10, 1995

Mr. Barack Obama
Chair
Chicago Annenberg Challenge
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Dear Barack,

We are pleased to submit the enclosed information on grants paid by Woods Fund of Chicago (formerly Woods Charitable Fund) to support school reform in Chicago during the period July 1, 1994 through October 10, 1995.

We believe these grants support the principles and spirit of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge and that our grants meet the criteria for matching grants outlined in the contract between the Annenberg Foundation and the Chicago Annenberg Challenge.

The grant payments we are reporting support educational reform in the Chicago public schools either by directly assisting schools themselves or by supporting organizations and partners who are helping public schools improve their educational content and approaches.

Enclosed please find information on **seventeen (17)** grants paid for a total of **\$ 405,500**.

Sincerely,



Jean Rudd
Executive Director

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GRANTS: BY PROGRAM AREA

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Payee Organization (Proj. Description)	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Still to pay	Payment Amount	Scheduled Payment Date	Actual Payment Date
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Program Area 1: EDU.02 (Pre-Collegiate Education)

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST (BPI) For BPI's role in facilitating development of "small schools" or schools-within-schools in the Chicago public school system in order to enable more flexible, manageable, and effective education settings	12/07/94	15,000	0	15,000	12/14/94	12/14/94
CHICAGO ARTS PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION (CAPE) First payment of a \$30,000 two-year renewal grant for an innovative collaboration of schools, community agencies, arts organizations, and foundations seeking Chicago school reform by employing the arts as a central factor in enhanced teaching and learning	06/07/95	30,000	15,000	15,000	06/07/95	06/21/95
CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING PROJECT Second and final payment of \$20,000 grant restricted to the salary of the new director of the School Organizing Program for this organization which organizes and trains leaders for public school reform on Chicago's far northwest side	06/13/94 ✓	20,000	0	10,000	12/30/94	02/08/95 NO ✓
.				10,000	06/30/95	09/07/95
CHICAGO PANEL ON SCHOOL POLICY For coalition of civic agencies promoting improved public schools through research, monitoring, policy advocacy, and training	09/06/95	20,000	0	20,000	09/13/95	09/13/95

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CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE INC. For participation of Chinese-American parents and community members in Chicago public school reform	09/06/95	15,000	2,000	13,000	09/13/95	09/13/95
CITYWIDE COALITION FOR SCHOOL REFORM For coalition promoting communication, coordination, and implementation of Chicago public school reform by increasing capacity of local school councils, teachers, parents, and communities to improve classroom learning for students	06/13/94 ✓	15,000	0	5,000	12/01/94	12/22/94
CROSS CITY CAMPAIGN FOR URBAN SCHOOL REFORM First payment of two-year \$40,000 general operating support for this multi-city network of urban school reform leaders organized to share ideas and models and to impact state and federal education policies	06/07/95	40,000	20,000	20,000	06/07/95	06/23/95
DESIGNS FOR CHANGE Toward costs of a public information campaign, jointly planned by Designs for Change and Cross City Campaign for School Reform to inform the public, media, and policymakers with accurate data on Chicago school reform strategies, progress, concerns, and financing issues	03/01/95	17,500	0	17,500	03/08/95	03/08/95
FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM (FER) Fiscal Agent: Donors Forum of Chicago Renewal support for a joint funding program of Chicago grantmakers to make grants for school reform planning and implementation at the local school level	12/07/94	20,000	0	20,000	12/14/94	12/14/94
PARENTS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE EDUCATION (PURE) Towards general operating support for this citywide organization providing training and technical assistance for Local School Councils in Chicago	06/07/95	10,000	0	10,000	06/07/95	06/23/95

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: CONSORTIUM ON CHICAGO SCHOOL RESEARCH Restricted to year-long restructuring of the Department of Research, Evaluation, and Planning of the Chicago Public Schools	09/13/94	25,000	0	25,000	09/13/94	09/26/94
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: SMALL SCHOOLS WORKSHOP Restricted to providing curriculum consultants to Chicago public schools involved in setting up "small schools" or schools-within-schools	06/07/95	20,000	0	20,000	06/07/95	06/22/95
WEST SIDE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING (WSCORP) Fiscal Agent: Marcy-Newberry Association, Inc. Second and final payment of grant restricted to school reform organizing and leadership training for up to 20 schools on Chicago's west side	09/13/94	20,000	0	10,000	09/13/94	09/28/94
.	10,000	09/15/95	06/22/95
YOUTH GUIDANCE First payment of a two-year \$40,000 grant restricted to the curriculum development component of the Comer School Development Program	06/07/95	40,000	20,000	20,000	06/07/95	06/22/95
TOTAL: 16 payments				240,500		

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Program Area 1: EDU.02 (Pre-Collegiate Education)

CHICAGO PANEL ON SCHOOL POLICY Second and final payment of a two-year \$100,000 renewal grant to complete a six year project, "Monitoring and Researching the Effects of School Reform in Chicago", a longitudinal study of the first five years of implementation of school reform legislation	06/14/93	100,000	0	50,000	06/15/94	10/26/94
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no

DESIGNS FOR CHANGE Second payment of three-year \$150,000 grant to support SCHOOLWATCH, a program of parent organizing, advocacy, and technical assistance to Local School Councils, community groups, and parents implementing school reform	06/14/93	150,000	0	50,000	07/01/94	08/08/94
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no

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no

LAWYERS' SCHOOL REFORM ADVISORY PROJECT Fiscal Agent: Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Inc. Second and final payment of two-year \$30,000 renewal grant for a project that provides training and pro bono legal assistance for Local School Councils dealing with legal issues associated with school reform	12/08/93	30,000	0	15,000	12/31/94	12/19/94
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no

TOTAL: 4 payments

165,000

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The Chicago Community Trust



October 6, 1995

Barack Obama
Chairman
Chicago Annenberg Challenge
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*No Multi-year
grants awarded 9/13/96*

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grants*

Dear Mr. Obama:

We are please to submit the enclosed information on grants approved and paid by The Chicago Community Trust to support school reform in Chicago during the period of July 1, 1994 through October 1, 1995.


We believe that these grants support the principals and spirit of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge and that our grants meet the criteria for matching grants outlined in the contract between the Annenberg Foundation and the Chicago Annenberg Challenge.

The grant payments we are reporting to you support educational reform in Chicago Public Schools either by directly supporting schools themselves or by supporting organizations and partners who are assisting public schools improve their educational content and approaches.

Enclosed you will find information on 68 grants paid after July 1, 1994 for a total amount of \$2,147,219.31.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Bruce L. Newman
Executive Director

CHICAGO ANNENBERG CHALLENGE

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May 31, 1995

Bruce L. Newman, Executive Director
The Chicago Community Trust
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*Also sent to:
The Spencer Fdn.
The MacArthur Fdn.
The Joyce Foundation*

Dear Bruce:

The Annenberg Challenge represents an important opportunity to build on six years of school reform work by the philanthropic community and their not-for-profit partners. As you know well, the Annenberg Foundation has made a five-year, \$49.2 million grant to Chicago schools and their external partners. With your help, the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (CAC) board of directors is now up and working and its partner organization, the Chicago School Reform Collaborative has been hard at work writing the Request for Proposal, which is slated to be mailed out to schools and many not-for-profit groups within the next two weeks. The contract with the Annenberg Foundation has just been signed (with match language to which you made a significant contribution) and the process for identifying matching funds is underway.

In short, we are launched. Nevertheless much work remains to be done - work that will require your help. We request a one-time start-up grant of \$22,500. As you know, the Annenberg Challenge grant is a matching grant. Funds from Annenberg will begin to flow only when the funds have been matched. Therefore, we have a time gap between this critical start-up phase and the time when the Annenberg funds will become available. However, the board of directors and the Collaborative have begun to incur expenses, detailed below.

Search Firm We have retained Susan Himmelfarb, search consultant, to help locate the executive director. Susan has begun an active search process, contacting dozens of individuals and mailing the job announcement to hundreds of people. The board of directors has an active Search Committee that will oversee the process closely. Susan has also met with the Collaborative and surfaced a list of desired characteristics for this critical position. The cost of the search process is \$16,000. We did some price comparisons and have

determined that that bid is very reasonable.

Legal costs John McDonough at Sidley & Austin, who has provided pro bono assistance to the Annenberg Challenge, has now been retained to incorporate CAC and seek tax exempt status. Legal help on the front end of this five year process is very important to launch the organization prudently. John supported the board in the process of finalizing the contract with the Annenberg Foundation. He has now done the legal work necessary to incorporate the Chicago Annenberg Challenge and is currently in the process of seeking 501(c)(3) status for the organization. He has offered the board of directors a reduced rate. We feel that we are in good hands.

Administrative support As you know, for the past year, with help from you and others, all of the work that has attended the Annenberg Challenge grant has been carried out without charge. A number of people have given an enormous amount of time to this endeavor. However, now that both the board and the Collaborative are up and operating, and working through committees, the work is compounding. We have therefore hired short-term administrative help.

Office The University of Illinois in Chicago has donated office space to the Annenberg Challenge. They have been generous in helping to supply the office as well. However, as we get the office set up and in working order, there are costs for supplies and materials - and probably for equipment as well.

Fiscal agent The Donors Forum has negotiated a budget with the Annenberg Challenge board to cover the administrative costs of their fiscal agency. Now that the contract has been signed, they will begin to incur related expenses.

Within the next month or so, we expect that the first Chicago matching grants will be certified. Dr. Gail Levin, executive director of the Annenberg Foundation, has assured us that they will be prompt in turning around the first Annenberg payment once the matching requirement has been met (an initial match of \$500,000 is required to get the first check).

Start-up budget The board of directors has approved a six-month start-up budget to ensure that all initial expenses will be covered (including the possibility that the executive director will be hired before the Annenberg funds begin to flow). The board felt it was wise to approve an ample budget to avoid having to request a second small start-up amount. All of these administrative funds requested will count as a **match to the Annenberg funds**.

Fundraising In order to raise these critical start-up funds, we are turning to those foundations in Chicago, of which you are one, that have played a leadership role in securing the Chicago Annenberg Challenge grant. We are requesting these funds from you and three of your philanthropic colleagues - the Spencer Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Joyce Foundation. We hope that you will make the first Chicago Annenberg grant. These funds will ensure a smooth and efficient start.

Request We request a one-time start-up grant of \$22,500, payable to the Donors

Forum of Chicago as fiscal agent to the Annenberg Challenge, to cover up to six months of operations. I am enclosing a budget, a list of the board of directors, and a list of the members of the Chicago School Reform Collaborative.

Anne Hallett (312 322 4880) or I will be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding the significant progress we have already made in moving the Chicago Annenberg Challenge forward. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama, Chair
Chicago Annenberg Challenge
Board of Directors

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CHICAGO ANNENBERG CHALLENGE

START-UP BUDGET: June - November 1995

REVENUE

J. D. and C. T. MacArthur Fdn.	\$22,500
The Joyce Foundation	22,500
Spencer Foundation	22,500
Chicago Community Trust	<u>22,500</u>
	\$90,000

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL \$37,500

Administrative support:

to Board and to Collaborative

Full time @ annual salary/
benefits \$30,000 \$15,000

Executive Director
@ \$7,500/mo (\$90,000 annual) 22,500

SEARCH 20,000

Himmelfarb contract 16,000

Expenses: postage, fax, materials,
travel, hotel 4,000

LEGAL

Sidley & Austin 10,000

ADMINISTRATIVE 15,500

Supplies (paper, envelopes, etc.) 750

Phone, fax 500

Printing (RFPs, application info.) 1,500

Postage (2 mailings 700 total @ \$.75
plus other postage) 1,500

Equipment purchase (if necessary)

3 phones (@\$250 ea), 1 computer &
printer (\$3,500), 1 fax (\$1,000) 5,250

Donors Forum expenses 6,000
15,500

CONTINGENCY 7,000

TOTAL **\$90,000**