



DATE: February 12, 2020

MEMO TO: Nels Leutwiler, Chair
Preservation Foundation Board

FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of \$5,000 grant from unrestricted funds to support the *Science + You* exhibition at the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County

FINANCIAL DATA: \$3,800 to extend free general admission to all Lake County youth, during the run of the exhibition deposited to account 14722400-413000 and \$1,200 to produce a branded give-away item to those free admissions deposited to account 14722400-413000

BACKGROUND: The upcoming *Science + You* exhibition is a national touring exhibition that will be open to the public from May 9 - September 7, 2020 at the Dunn Museum. This exhibition will be the first specifically targeted for an early childhood audience since the Museum opened in Libertyville in March 2018.

In the *Science + You* exhibition, young children become scientists as they learn about human health, nutrition, scientific tools and scientists through problem solving, investigation and experimentation.

Eleven interactive exhibits include:

- *Antibodies/Germs:* Interactive component where visitors collect germ cells using a magnetic antibody wand and deposit them in white blood cells.
- *Balanced Lifestyle:* Interactive puzzle with magnet-encoded puzzle pieces, LEDs and audio feedback.
- *Glove Box:* Interactive stations with glove box activities demonstrating math and science components.
- *Microscopes:* One Wentzcope and two video microscopes with monitors to examine a variety of specimens provided.
- *And more ...*

The *Science+ You* exhibit was produced by the Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago and is sponsored during its international tour by the AbbVie Foundation. Due to the generous support of the AbbVie Foundation, there is no rental cost.

Request to the Preservation Foundation: \$5,000

In order to maximize the reach of this free exhibition, staff proposes to offer free general admission tickets for all Lake County youth during the entire run of the exhibition. Typically, youth from 4 – 17 are \$3/resident, \$6/non-resident. The requested amount for this fee waiver is

\$3,800. In addition to free admission, we proposed to provide all qualifying youth with an exhibition-related gift branded with the Dunn Museum and Preservation Foundation logos. The request for this giveaway is \$1,200.

The Preservation Foundation will receive exposure through logo placement on the youth giveaway and at the point of admission sales. The Preservation Foundation's grant will also be acknowledged prominently in the gallery and when feasible on relevant promotional materials.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Development Officer/Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation and Superintendent Educational Facilities.

PRESERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____