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Project Discovery

U.S. Approves \$170,000 For Providence Theater

Journal-Bulletin Washington Bureau

Washington—The U.S. Office of Education today announced approval of a \$170,000 grant to the Providence School Department for continuation of Project Discovery, an educational theater project for the state's high school students.

The grant from the Bureau of Research in the Office of Education is part of a package of grants that support the theater project.

Other supporting grants have come from the National Foundation for the Arts and the Office of Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Today's grant was announced through the offices of the Rhode Island congressional delegation.

Project Discovery was run last year with the cooperation of the school department in the Trinity Square Repertory Theater.

The repertory company put on a variety of plays for the high school students, including Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan," and Eugene O'Neil's "Ah Wilderness."

Last year, the project involved 40,000 high school students and \$710,000 in federal aid.

English and drama teachers in local schools have drawn up a list of 25 plays from which the final list for performances by the theater this school year will be selected.

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