

## **Grants Awarded 2006/2007 along the Green Bicycle East Carpathian Greenway, supported by the Liberty Foundation**

### **2006**

#### **Creative Workshops for the Carpathians**

##### **BIESZCZADY ECOTOURISM ASSOCIATION 'BASZTA' (LESKO)**

The project aimed to promote the cultural heritage of the East Carpathians both locally and outside the region. The Association built several wooden carts and traveled through the region with local handicrafts organizing trade fairs along the way. The handicrafts were produced through creative workshops involving children from local schools and children visiting the region from outside the Bieszczady. In this way, the Association was able to promote eco-tourism, a revitalization of local handicrafts and also a wider interest in the development of tourist and recreation trails.

Award: 5 918 PLN; Other sources: 2 888 PLN

Total project value: 8 806 PLN

#### **Habitat**

##### **PRIMARY SCHOOL (CZARNE)**

The goal was to find ways of making use of local environmental resources in order to build stronger ties among young people with local natural and cultural heritage and also to promote interesting leisure-time activities for local school children. The approach was to organize workshops on local natural and cultural heritage, meetings with interesting and inspiring local leaders living in the area, preparing interpretation materials for both local people and visitors and identifying key cultural and natural sites of interest to visitors. The result was increased knowledge of and appreciation for local heritage among young people, preparation of information materials about interesting local places, a scale model of a traditional Boyko farmstead and exhibits of school projects undertaken.

Award: 4 760 PLN; Other sources: 2 000 PLN

Total project value: 6 760 PLN

#### **Fairy-tale World**

##### **ASSOCIATION OF BIESZCZADY WOMEN 'OUR CHANCE' (LESKO)**

The project provided youth with an opportunity to learn and play with ceramics, including making pots and figurines from clay. Workshop activities helped young people to discover a sense of confidence in their own ability and a feeling of self-worth as the approach centred on encouraging them to treat each other and adults involved as peers in a creative enterprise.

Award: 3 450 PLN; Other sources: 2 350 PLN

Total project value: 5 800 PLN

#### **Educational playground**

##### **PUBLIC SCHOOL (UHERCE MINERALNE)**

The project succeeded in planning and establishing a playground for local children, which encourages them to spend their leisure time actively rather than passively in front of the television or computer. The whole local community was involved in the project and helped generate a feeling of joint ownership and belief that problems could be solved locally by working them out together.

Award: 6 000 PLN; Other sources: 2 000 PLN

Total project value: 8 000 PLN

**Saving way-side crosses and chapels in Cisna  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1 (CISNA)**

The project aimed to promote learning about local cultural heritage in the Cisna region by getting local artists and knowledgeable people to work with local people and children to inventory and repair way-side crosses and chapels. The activities involved skills-training for local people in relation to accessing and using historical documents, story-telling, photography, preparation of interpretation material and techniques of drawing and painting.

Award: 6 000 PLN; Other sources: 2 000 PLN

Total project value: 8 000 PLN

**Creating our history from crumbs - the Dziwniaczh Eco-museum  
ASSOCIATION OF GALICIAN AGROTOURIST FARMS 'BIESZCZADY' (LESKO)**

The project sought to generate local interest in using heritage resources in the villages of Dziwniacza Dolny, Lodyna and Lesczowate to build a sense of local identity, solidarity and pride. To this end, effort was made to involve everyone in the development and planning of an eco-museum, especially local children and youth. The establishment of the eco-museum has helped to make the area more interesting and attractive to visitors and has got local people to work out new ways of working together for the development of their local community.

Award: 5 920 PLN; Other sources: 3 508 PLN

Total project value: 9 428 PLN

**Combination Radio  
BIESZCZADY TRADE SCHOOL (USTRZYKI DOLNE)**

Teachers and pupils at the Bieszczady Trade School established a radio-station, which gets pupils involved in researching local history and local stories and communicating these to a wider audience. The radio encourages the 'school community' to use the Green Bicycle Greenway for learning, recreation and play.

Award: 6 000 PLN; Other sources: 7 340 PLN

Total project value: 13 340 PLN

**'Witpust' in Jawornik - a village festival  
ASSOCIATION FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL INITIATIVES (KOMANCZA)**

The project helped build a sense of community among local people by generated interest in local traditions, which are fast disappearing - especially traditions associated with the Lemko culture. A key part of the project was involving local young people in planning for and organizing a village festival to showcase and promote traditional handicrafts made with old Lemko techniques in workshops organized with local artists.

Award: 6 000 PLN; Other sources: 2 000 PLN

Total project value: 8 000 PLN

**Integrating parents of pre-school children  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIESZCZADY REGION  
(USTRZYKI DOLNE)**

The project created a meeting place for parents of young pre-school children (from 0 - 6), which serves as a forum for information/experience exchange and also as an opportunity for joint learning about the heritage resources of the area and how these can be accessed.

Award: 4 296 PLN; Other sources: 2 306 PLN

Total project value: 6 602 PLN

### **Kirkut in Balidrod**

#### **BIESZCZADY BRANCH OF THE LANDSCAPE AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION (PTTK) (USTRZYKI DOLNE)**

The project succeeded in establishing an informal group of local volunteers to clean up a Kirkut (Jewish Cemetery) in the Baligrod village. Having focused on cleaning up the Kirkut from rubbish and clearing vegetation, the group has undertaken to communicate the history and heritage values of the Kirkut both to local people and visitors of whom there are now increasing numbers.

Award: 5 930 PLN; Other sources: 9 170 PLN

Total project value: 15 100 PLN

### **Reconstruction of the Baszta Nature Trail in Lesko**

#### **BIESZCZADY ECOTOURIST ASSOCIATION 'BASZTA' - ON BEHALF OF AN INFORMAL YOUTH GROUP (LESKO)**

A nature trail surrounding the town of Lesko was revitalized and reconstructed by volunteers and has significantly increased recreation and communication opportunities for local people. The volunteer group is now involved in maintaining the trail and promoting its use for recreation purposes among local people and as an added attraction for visitors to the area.

Award: 4 950 PLN; Other sources: 8 600 PLN

Total project value: 13 550 PLN

### **Wetlina Lime-Trees**

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WETLINA AND SURROUNDING REGION (WETLINA)**

The project succeeded in bringing back the historical layout of Wetlina village by refocusing around 100 year old lime trees. Conservation of the trees and preparation of associated documentation and interpretation materials serves both to protect local natural values, but also to use them explicitly for promoting local solidarity and sense of community. This approach has made the village much more attractive to visitors and succeeded in getting local people to open up to each other and also to visitors.

Award: 5 852 PLN; Other sources: 2 140 PLN

Total project value: 13 550 PLN

### **School-based Careers Centre**

#### **WŁADYSŁAW ANDERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL (LESKO)**

The project has helped counter unemployment by establishing a volunteer-run career advisory service to help young people choose a career path in line with their interests and abilities. Special emphasis is provided on local employment opportunities related to the use of local natural and cultural heritage resources.

Award: 3 951 PLN; Other sources: 1 945 PLN

Total project value: 5 896 PLN

### **Making peace with nature**

#### **VOLUNTARY FIRE BRIGADE (USTRZYKI GORNE)**

Volunteers have developed a programme of outdoor activities aimed at helping local children and youth to learn about the history of the region and discover it through active life-styles. Outdoor activities are offered in non-school time and have included horse-back riding, touring of the Bieszczady National Park with experienced guides, wood carving workshops with local

artisans. The project achieved its aim of engaging with both children and parents, encouraging them to lead more active (outdoor) lifestyles.

Award: 3 750 PLN; Other sources: 1 250 PLN

Total project value: 5 000 PLN

## **2007**

### **In the land of the Beaver**

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL (UHERCE MINERALNE)**

The grant helped local volunteers to establish an Eco-museum in the Uherce Mineralne and Orelec villages as a way of communicating the significance of local historical and natural heritage to both local people and visitors. By involving local people in the design and organization phases of the project, the Eco-museum initiative has contributed to building a sense of local ownership and responsibility for local heritage resources. The Eco-museum is being developed by local people as one of the attractions on the East Carpathian Greenway.

Award: 4 850 PLN; Other sources: 2 626 PLN

Total project value: 7 476 PLN

### **Educational playground "Hoyek"**

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL (LUTOWISKO)**

The project focused on creating a playground for primary school children. By including an arboretum and small amphitheatre in the design, the playground fulfills also the role of a community meeting place, attractive also for parents and other local people. Local events for the community are organized in the playground in the evenings and weekends.

Award: 6 000 PLN; Other sources: 2848 PLN

Total project value: 7 848 PLN

### **'Hole' Eco-museum**

#### **ASSOCIATION OF GALICIAN AGROTOURIST FARMS 'BIESZCZADY' (LESKO)**

The grant helped the Association to continue expansion of the Hole Eco-museum, extending its scope to two additional villages: Leszczowate and Serednica. Local people were actively involved in preparing relevant documentation and planning out Eco-museum activities with the idea that the initiative will contribute to the development of the Green Bicycle Greenway and become also one of its attractions and so a destination for visitors.

Award: 4 590 PLN; Other sources: 4 040 PLN

Total project value: 8 594 PLN

### **Let's give joy to children**

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL (WETLINA)**

The grant helped organize volunteers and materials for renovating a degraded playground and bringing it back to life. The playground now provides a place where children can spend their free time and also a place for parents and friends to meet. By involving local people in the design and planning of the renovation work, the project has helped to instill a sense of local ownership and pride in the community - and a belief that working together is possible.

Award: 5 600 PLN; Other sources: 1 980 PLN

Total project value: 7 580 PLN

### **Saving memories of the Wiaru Valley**

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WIARU VALLEY (DOLINA WIARY)**

The project focused on carrying out an inventory of local heritage resources, including historical sites and artifacts. An initiating group of volunteers worked to contact personally as many people as possible in the community to collect oral histories and other information about local heritage with the aim of making this available more widely to local people and also to visitors. The information resources prepared through the project will be an important resource for establishing an Eco-museum in the future.

Award: 4 390 PLN; Other sources: 11 304 PLN

Total project value: 22 732 PLN

### **Tracking down lost tracks - a historical trail**

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL (HOSZOWA)**

The project focused on organizing a group of local volunteers to track down and document local history in order to make this available for current and future generations. Activities involved interviews with local people and collation of various items, information and artifacts of local significance. In this way, the project has helped rebuild a sense of local pride and identity.

Award: 5 260 PLN; Other sources: 2 760 PLN

Total project value: 8 020 PLN

### **Maria Czerniawska 'Green Shadow' Eco-Museum**

#### **ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL IN RUDENKA (RUDENKA)**

The Eco-museum initiative is aimed at conserving the natural and cultural heritage of Ruderka village and surrounding areas by increasing awareness and appreciation of local history among both local people and visitors. The Eco-museum initiative has become a local attraction on the Green Bicycle Greenway.

Award: 4 530 PLN; Other sources: 2 580 PLN

Total project value: 7 110 PLN

### **Boyko Traditional House - an interesting and useful service for all**

#### **'FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SCHOOL IN ZATWARNICA' ASSOCIATION (ZATWARNICA)**

The grant financed completion of the Boyko Wooden House re construction, which has become a focus for community meetings and activities. The House is run by volunteers organized by the Association and supplements the educational activities of the nearby primary school, offering children, parents and visitors a menu of cultural and artistic activities.

Award: 5 350 PLN; Other sources: 3 000 PLN

Total project value: 8 350 PLN

### **Local products are our identity**

#### **BIESZCZADY ASSOCIATION 'BIES'**

The project helped finance the creation of a place for organizing a local fair or market for showcasing and selling local and traditional heritage products. By engaging local people and volunteers in the project, local people have developed a sense of ownership for the location and its use as a local market that is organized on festival days and weekends during the summer tourist season. Local people have been motivated not only to make local or traditional products in line with local heritage, but have also been given a cost-free opportunity to sell their work to visitors.

Award: 3 920 PLN; Other sources: 5 967 PLN

Total project value: 9 887 PLN

**Let's preserve local folk-stories  
PRIMARY SCHOOL (HOCZEW)**

The grant helped local teachers and parents to organize a campaign aimed at recording traditional folk-tales associated with the area for use in teaching and in helping visitors understand local history and culture. The campaign has resulted in a folk-story repository, which serves as a resource for current and future generations.

Award: 2 860 PLN; Other sources: 1 023 PLN

Total project value: 3 883 PLN

**Folk Group 'Lopienka'  
MUNICIPAL CENTRE FOR CULTURE AND ECOLOGY (CISNA)**

The grant helped in the setting up of a folk-group committed to preserving and promoting local Boyko song and dance culture. The performances of the folk-group are tied to local events and are aimed to build a sense of pride in local heritage and history among local people. The group will also perform at events and festivals in the Bieszczady region contributing to making the whole region more attractive to visitors.

Award: 5 260 PLN; Other sources: 2 760 PLN

Total project value: 8 020 PLN

**Supplementary Small grants (11.12.2007)**

- 'In the land of the beavers' Eco-museum

PUBLIC SCHOOL (UHERCE MINERALNE)

Award: 1 500 PLN

- Saving memories of Wiaru Valley

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WIARU VALLEY (WOJTKOWO)

Award: 1 500 PLN

- Sleuthing forgotten tracks - a historical heritage trail

PRIMARY SCHOOL (HOSZOW)

Award: 1 500 PLN

- Maria Czerkawska Green Shadow Eco-museum

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL (RUDENKA)

Award: 1 500 PLN