

List 4
Details of
Unconstitutional and Potentially Unconstitutional Line Items
from Public Act 96-39

This appendix contains the detail of the challenged Line Items of Public Act 96-39. Each challenged Line Item begins on a separate page. The Page Number referred to at the beginning of each page in the appendix, just before the Article Number and Section Number, is the number of the pdf page on which the Line Item appears, when viewing Public Act 96-0039 at its web address within the Illinois General Assembly web site.

The web address of Public Act 96-0039 is:
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/96/PDF/096-0039.pdf>

Quotes provided from grant recipient web pages are the brief portions from the web pages that are relevant to this matter. The web page address is listed in all cases to provide easy access to complete information directly from the source.

Additional comment: “What is crucial is that a government practice not have the effect of communicating a message of government endorsement or disapproval of religion.” Justice O’Connor in Lynch v. Donnelly, 465 U.S. 688, 692.

Abbreviations used in this document:

“CILA” means Community Independent Living Arrangement.
“HVAC” means heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

Totals:

176 Items worth \$2,308,893,500 are challenged as being either unconstitutional or potentially unconstitutional.

Of these, 155 Items worth \$19,986,500 are challenged as being clearly unconstitutional and another 21 Items worth \$2,288,907,000 are challenged as being potentially unconstitutional.

An additional 112 Items worth \$34,606,200 has been identified as NOT being challenged, despite being offered by sectarian organizations, because these programs are being provided in a manner that is secular, non-discriminatory, does not show a preference for one religious denomination, and is open to the public. The purpose of providing this latter information is to demonstrate that grants are not being challenged solely on the basis that a religious organization is offering them, but rather on whether the program is secular, non-discriminatory, non-preferential and open to the public. Sherman affirms that you can’t discriminate against a provider just because they are religious. Challenges are based on the programs, not providers.

Item 1

Page Number: 16

Article: 3

Section: 5

Text: The sum of \$45,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Capital Development Board for early childhood construction grants to school districts and not-for-profit providers of early childhood services for children ages birth to 5 years of age for construction or renovation of early childhood facilities, with priority given to projects located in those communities in this State with the greatest underserved population of young children, as identified by the Capital Development Board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, using census data and other reliable local early childhood service data (sic - probably should be "data").

Grant recipients challenged: Unspecified not-for-profit providers of sectarian early childhood services.

Purpose of grant: Construction or renovation of early childhood facilities

Why grant is challenged: Grant not limited to the secular programs.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom"

Provision: "No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.*"

Additional comments: Sherman does not challenge those grants going to public school districts or secular not-for-profit providers of early childhood services.

Item 2

Page Number: 22

Article: 5

Section: 15

Text: The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Capital Development Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for upgrades to lodges, camps and campsites, including but not limited to previously incurred costs.

Grant recipients challenged: Unspecified private secular and sectarian-owned facilities.

Purpose of grant: Unspecified upgrades to lodges, camps and campsites.

Why grant is challenged:

Public Act does not limit upgrades to publicly owned (state-owned or DNR-owned) facilities. Compare to Article 5, Section 20, also on Page 22, limiting DNR expenditures to “State-owned Dams.”

Grants to private, secular organizations violate Illinois Constitution at Article VIII, Section 1, which limits use of public funds to public purposes.

Grants to private, sectarian organizations violate US First Amendment “Establishment of religion” clause, as well as the following provisions of the IL Constitution:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Additional information: Sherman does not challenge use of this grant for upgrades to state-owned facilities.

Item 3

Page Number: 38

Article: 7

Section: 215

Text: The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Resurrection Program for development of off campus student housing.

Grant recipient: Not named - unknown

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Development of off-campus student housing.

Why grant is challenged: No indication as to whether the organization or program is secular.

Additional comments: Challenge will be dropped if State demonstrates that grant is to a secular organization for a constitutionally permissible purpose.

Item 4

Page Number: 41

Article: 9

Section: 20

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Mississippi Valley for costs associated with the construction of a teen center.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Mississippi Valley

Address or Location: 338 Sixth St., Moline 61265

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bgcmv.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

I believe in America and the American way of life...in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, *which stands for these things*.

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for construction of a building

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 5

Page Number: 54

Article: 9

Section: 255

Text: The sum of \$225,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Chicago Chesed Fund for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Chicago Chesed Fund

Address or Location: 7045 N. Ridgeway, Lincolnwood 60712

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to people of a specific religion.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.chicagochesedfund.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.chicagochesedfund.org/?page_id=2

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "The CCF is focused on the Jewish community."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified "capital improvements"

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organization shows a preference based on religion, in violation of Article I, Section 3, of the Illinois Constitution, which prohibits laws that show a preference based on religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.*"

Additional comments: Sherman seeks balanced and fair approach of allowing grants to organizations that identify with a particular religious denomination, such as Catholic Charities and YMCA, that intend to help all, regardless of theological opinion, versus those whose focus is on directing help to people of a particular religious persuasion.

Item 6

Page Number: 60

Article: 9

Section: 375

Text: The sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Keshet for costs associated with construction of a cabin at the Camp Chi program.

Grant recipient: Camp Chi, via Keshet

Address or Location: Lake Delton, Wisconsin

Type of organization: Out-of-state religious ministry.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.campchi.com>

Quote from recipient home page: "Camp Chi is the Midwest's premier Jewish overnight camp for boys and girls ages 9-16. Located in Lake Delton, Wisconsin Dells."

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Parent Guide - Camp Basics. Click on Miscellaneous tab)

http://www.campchi.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=142&Itemid=142

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "As a camp, our Jewish mission and programming continually evolves as we find new, exciting and relevant ways to infuse Judaism throughout the camp program."

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Camper Guide)

http://www.campchi.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=124

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

Under the category, "How do I get to camp?": "Campers coming from far away places like Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, and Israel will take a plane to camp."

Under the category, "What do we do during Shabbat?" (Jewish Sabbath): "Everyone goes to Shabbat services together."

Purpose of grant: Donation to an out-of-state religious ministry for construction of a cabin at their summer overnight camp.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Camp Chi is a religious ministry that isn't even located in Illinois.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provisions violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”:
“Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 7

Page Number: 64

Article: 9

Section: 450

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Muslim Women Resource Center for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Muslim Women Resource Center

Address or Location: 6349 N. Western, Chicago 60659

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.mwrcnfp.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: (“Our mission”) <http://www.mwrcnfp.org/mission.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “Muslim Women Resource Center’s mission is to assist immigrant and refugee Muslim women overcome cultural and language barriers, and prepare them with appropriate Occupational skills to become self sufficient and ready to enter the job market.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified “capital improvements”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organization shows a preference based on religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.*”

Additional comment: You can’t use tax dollars to help people on the basis of their religion.

Item 8

Page Number: 64

Article: 9

Section: 455

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to NCSY - Midwest Mesorah Region for costs associated with construction of a new facility.

Grant recipient: National Council of Synagogue Youth (“NCSY”)

Address or Location: 3200 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.midwestncsy.org/>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.midwestncsy.org/z_about.php

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

“Offering programs to bring Jewish teens back to their heritage, NCSY is at the forefront of the battle against assimilation.”

“NCSY is a multi-faceted Jewish Youth group which is open to all Jewish youth regardless of background and affiliation.”

“NCSY reaches out to both public school and yeshiva students who wish to increase their commitment to Judaism.”

Parent organization website: <http://www.ncsy.org>

Quote from Parent organization home page: “NCSY is the premier organization dedicated to connect, inspire and empower Jewish teens and encourage passionate Judaism through Torah and Tradition.

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious ministry for construction of an unspecified “new facility”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It is not the job of taxpayers to subsidize the cost of encouraging teenagers to engage in passionate Judaism.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provisions violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Additional comments: NCSY is a discriminatory organization. Only Jews allowed.

Item 9

Page Number: 66

Article: 9

Section: 485

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Notre Dame High School located in Niles for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Notre Dame High School

Address or Location: Niles

Type of organization: Parochial school

Web site: <http://www.nddons.org>

Relevant web page: <http://www.nddons.org/s/1034/index.aspx?sid=1034&gid=1&pgid=294>

Quote from relevant web page:

“The Mission of Notre Dame College Prep:

“Under the patronage of Mary, Notre Dame College Prep is a college preparatory school committed to educating young men within a community which is Christ-centered and family-based, where faith, scholarship and culture interact and where the individual is cherished and respected. In preparing our students as lifelong learners, we serve as educators in the faith, forming individuals empowered by knowledge and inspired by Gospel values.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 10

Page Number: 68

Article: 9

Section: 515

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Shalva for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility located at 1610 W. Highland, Chicago.

Grant recipient: Shalva

Address or Location: 1610 W. Highland, Chicago 60660

Type of organization: Sectarian social service that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.shalvaonline.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.shalvaonline.org>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page: "SHALVA offers counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community."

Grant recipient relevant web page: ("About" page) <http://www.shalvaonline.org/about-us.aspx>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page: "SHALVA provides counseling for adult women in the Chicago Jewish community."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified "renovations and improvements" to one of their facilities.

Why grant is unconstitutional: The organization shows a preference on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom"

Provision: "No ... preference be given by law to any religious denomination."

Additional comments: The State cannot require all taxpayers to fund a program where everybody pays, but only Jews are allowed to participate or benefit.

Item 11

Page Number: 69

Article: 9

Section: 540

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Telshe Yeshiva Chicago for costs associated with renovations to the facility

Grant recipient: Telshe Yeshiva

Address or Location: 3535 W. Foster Av, Chicago 60625

Type of organization: Parochial school

Web site: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified “renovations to the facility”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Additional comments: A Yeshiva is a Jewish parochial school of higher education.

Item 12

Page Number: 69

Article: 9

Section: 545

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to The Ark for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: The Ark

Address or Location: 6450 N. California, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.arkchicago.org>

Quote from home page: "Since 1971, The ARK has provided free social and medical services to help distressed members of our Chicagoland Jewish family return to self-sufficiency."

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.arkchicago.org/purpose.html>

Quotes from Grant recipient web page: "The Ark was formed:

"To create an atmosphere in which all Jews, young and old, can further their Jewish identity.

"To encourage the learning, study and observance of Jewish custom, practice and tradition, while recognizing that there are a variety of positive Jewish lifestyles."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified "capital improvements"

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organization promotes sectarian religion and shows a clear preference for a particular denomination (Judaism).

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment Establishment of religion

State constitutional provisions violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination* or mode of worship."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; *nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose.*"

Item 13

Page Number: 70

Article: 9

Section: 560

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Torah Technical Institute for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Torah Technical Institute

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified "capital improvements"

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 14

Page Number: 71

Article: 9

Section: 585

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to PTACH for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Parents for Torah for All Children (“PTACH”)

Address or Location: 2828 W. Pratt, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: www.ptach.org

Recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ptach.org/index.php/About-us/model-programs.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“P'TACH established the self contained class in both Jewish and Secular studies.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 15

Page Number: 72

Article: 9

Section: 600

Text: The sum of \$60,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified “capital improvements”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 16

Page Number: 72

Article: 9

Section: 610

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Agudath Israel for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Agudath Israel of Illinois

Address or Location: 3555 W. Peterson, Chicago 60659

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare

Grant recipient website: No known

Grant recipient relevant web page: From "Charity Navigator," www.charitynavigator.org

See: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=3223>

Quote from Charity Navigator web page:

"Agudath Israel of America promotes the ideals of Orthodox Judaism. Its main work includes conducting Torah projects to advance the study of Torah and observance of Torah ideals; operating youth programs and three summer camps providing an Orthodox Jewish atmosphere, education and recreation."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified "capital improvements"

Why grant is unconstitutional: Not secular.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Additional comment: Efforts of organization are targeted to members of a particular religious group. Note, also, that items 8 through 14 represent a group of grants to adherents to one particular religious persuasion, the Jewish community.

Item 17

Page Number: 86

Article: 9

Section: 875

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Fellowship Connection Community Center for costs associated with renovations at the facility.

Grant recipient: Fellowship Connection Community Center

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Unspecified renovations at the facility

Why grant is challenged: Unable to find any information on organization. Unknown if secular or sectarian, where they are or what they do.

Additional comments: Objection will be dropped if grant is for constitutionally permissible purpose.

Item 18

Page Number: 98

Article: 9

Section: 1110

Text: The sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the CJE SeniorLife for costs associated with renovations to the Lieberman Center.

Grant recipient: Council for Jewish Elderly (“CJE”)

Address or Location: Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Ctr, 3003 W. Touhy, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.cje.net>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://cje.net/Page.aspx?&pid=275&srcid=278>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “CJE SeniorLife will strive to be the preferred provider for the Jewish community of metropolitan Chicago.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for building renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: Violates state constitutional ban on religious preference.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination* or mode of worship.”

Item 19

Page Number: 111

Article: 9

Section: 1380

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Southeast United Methodist Youth and Community Center for costs associated with upgrades to the heating system at the facility.

Grant recipient: Southeast United Methodist Youth and Community Center

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Costs associated with upgrades to a heating system.

Why grant is challenged: Donation to a religious organization.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 20

Page Number: 119

Article: 9

Section: 1550

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish United Fund for costs associated with replacing elevators at the Weinberg Campus facility in Deerfield.

Grant recipient: Council for Jewish Elderly / Jewish United Fund

Address or Location: Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Ctr, 3003 W. Touhy, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://cje.net/Page.aspx?pid=257>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Our residents have many opportunities to participate in Jewish traditions, including Shabbat services, rabbinical visits, and festivities that commemorate Jewish holidays.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization to replace elevators

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organization promotes religion at taxpayer expense

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination* or mode of worship.”

Item 21

Page Number: 133

Article: 9

Section: 1795

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to The Miracle Center for acquisition and renovation of a new facility to provide youth and arts programming.

Grant recipient: The Miracle Center

Address or Location: 2100 N. Kildare, Chicago 60639

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.themiraclecenter.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.themiraclecenter.org/show_page.php?id=101

Quote from Grant recipient web page ("About us" page):

"Vision: Our vision is to replicate our programs to serve children, youth and families in various communities through Chicago, the United States and internationally with the goal of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and giving them the chance to have a personal relationship with God."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for acquisition and renovation of facility.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of program is to advance religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... *support any ... ministry against his consent*, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Item 22

Page Number: 133

Article: 9

Section: 1800

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc. for construction and renovation of a Holistic Family Wellness Center at the Chicago Midwest location.

Grant recipient: Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc.

Address: La Capilla del Barrio / The Neighborhood Chapel, 3058 W. Armitage, Chicago

Type of organization: Church and/or religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.lacapilla.us>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.lacapilla.us/lacapilla.us/?page_id=2

Quote from Grant recipient web page ("About us" page):

"La Capilla is a ministry which has partnered with and has outstanding relationships with other churches, community-based agencies, faith-based organizations, public officials and religious leaders throughout Chicago and across the nation.

"In an effort to expand its scope of service, La Capilla in 2007 launched The Latino Pastor (sic) Action Center (LPAC)."

See also: Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc., 14 W. 170th St., Bronx, NY 10452

Their web site: <http://www.lpacministries.com>

Their relevant web page ("About us"): <http://www.lpacministries.com/366020.ihtml>

Quote from that web page:

"In 2004, he launched the National Urban Ministry Project, an AmeriCorps-based service delivery and capacity building partnership with four other faith-based organizations:

Ayuda Community Center in Philadelphia, PA;

La Capilla del Barrio in Chicago, IL;

My Friend's House in Whittier, CA; and

Spanish Evangelical Church in Lawrence, MA.

In partnership, he aims to revitalize these cities by guiding youth and adults to a life-long calling of personal and community growth.

In 2005, he launched the House of Healing, a citywide residential transformation center for men seeking liberation from substance abuse captivity. That same year, he launched the National Holistic Ministry Development Program (NHMDP) in New York, NY and Chicago, IL (with

support from La Capilla del Barrio).

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for construction and renovation of facility.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Additional comments: The grant line item refers to the program as the "Holistic Family Wellness Center," but the church refers to it as the "National Holistic Ministry Development Program."

Item 23

Page Number: 138

Article: 9

Section: 1890

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Epworth United Methodist Church for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility's Community Center

Grant recipient: Epworth United Methodist Church

Address or Location: 5253 N. Kenmore, Chicago 60640

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.epworthchicago.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page ("About us"): <http://www.epworthchicago.org/aboutus.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

"Epworth United Methodist Church is a family of followers of Jesus Christ."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for renovations and improvements to the facility.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 24

Page Number: 145

Article: 9

Section: 2045

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Odilo Elementary School for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility.

Grant recipient: St. Odilo Catholic School

Address or Location: 6617 W. 23rd, Berwyn 60402

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.saintodilo.org/school>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.saintodilo.org/school/forms/HandbookBody.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Mission Statement: St. Odilo School is a Catholic educational community in which children experience the Gospel message."

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial school for unspecified "renovations and improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 25

Page Number: 146

Article: 9

Section: 2050

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Richards (sic) Elementary School for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility.

Grant recipient: St. Richard Elementary School

Address or Location: 5025 S. Kenneth, Chicago 60632

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: www.saintrichardschool.com

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://teacherweb.com/IL/StRichard/Home/ap13.aspx>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Mission Statement: St. Richard Catholic Elementary School is committed (sic) to teaching the Catholic faith and traditions in a safe and nurturing environment, promoting academic excellence, life-long learning, and leadership."

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial school for unspecified "renovations and improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 26

Page Number: 146

Article: 9

Section: 2055

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Gall Elementary School for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility.

Grant recipient: St. Gall Elementary School

Address or Location: 5515 S. Sawyer, Chicago 60629

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: www.saintgallschool.com

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.stgallschool.com/Mission.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: St. Gall School participates in the educational mission of the Church and our parish by providing a Christian, anti-racist environment for learning and teaching truth.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial school for unspecified “renovations and improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 27

Page Number: 146

Article: 9

Section: 2060

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Bruno Elementary School for costs associated with renovations and improvements to the facility.

Grant recipient: St. Bruno Elementary School

Address or Location: 4839 S. Harding, Chicago 60632

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stbruno.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.stbruno.org/About_StBruno.html

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“St Bruno: A Catholic Faith Community, united in living the Gospel of Jesus.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial school for unspecified “renovations and improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 28

Page Number: 172

Article: 9

Section: 2565

Text: The sum of \$600,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to N'DIGO for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: N'DIGO

Address or Location: 19 N. Sangamon, Chicago 60607

Type of organization: Journalism. Publisher of news and opinion.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ndigo.com>

Purpose of grant: Donation to a news organization for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a private, partisan, politically-biased publication.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Freedom of speech.

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 4 "Freedom of Speech" "All persons may speak, write and publish freely, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Additional comments: This is a private publication that offers a strong political bias. It violates my free speech rights to be compelled to pay for the publishing of somebody else's political views via a newspaper or magazine. It is neither the taxpayers' nor my job to subsidize the dissemination of the political views of the publisher and journalists of N'DIGO.

Compare to Page 163, Article 9, Section 2395, a \$90,000 grant to the Illinois Channel, which is a non-profit, non-political public affairs news channel offering impartial coverage of state government.

Item 29

Page Number: 173

Article: 9

Section: 2580

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys and Girls Club for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys and Girls Club

Address or Location: 2950 W. Washington, Chicago 60612

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.bgcc.org/our_clubs/king/King.asp

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

I believe in America and the American way of life...in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, *which stands for these things.*

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified capital improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 30

Page Number: 174

Article: 9

Section: 2590

Text: The sum of \$800,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to MIW Foundation for costs associated with capital improvements.

Reason for challenge: Donation to an unknown organization for an unspecified purpose
(capital improvements to what?)

Additional comment: Name of group may be associated with "Mentoring and Inspiring Women"

Item 31

Page Number: 174

Article: 9

Section: 2593

Text: The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Beat Creators for costs associated with capital improvements.

Reason for challenge: Donation to an unknown organization for an unspecified purpose
(capital improvements to what?)

Item 32

Page Number: 174

Article: 9

Section: 2595

Text: The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Cleaner Greener Neighborhoods for costs associated with capital improvements.

Reason for challenge: Donation to an unknown organization for an unspecified purpose (capital improvements to what?)

Item 33

Page Number: 174

Article: 9

Section: 2600

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Christian Love M.B. Church for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Christian Love Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 535 N. Spaulding, Chicago 60624

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://christianlovembc.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page ("What we believe"): <http://christianlovembc.org/index-9.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

"Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 34

Page Number: 175

Article: 9

Section: 2605

Text: The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jubilee Market, Inc. for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Jubilee Market, Inc.

Address or Location: 1676 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago 60612

Type of organization: Out-of-business sectarian-themed convenience (grocery) store that had as its purpose the advancing of a particular religion.

Owned by Reverend Walter McCray

Reverend McCray's website: <http://www.blacklightfellowship.org>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "A beacon for Christ."

Message on Jubilee Market street sign:

"Jubilee Market Inc. Serving you with the care of Christ. Believe in Jesus Christ and be saved. Acts 16:31." (See: <http://www.robsherman.com/news/2009/07/30.htm>)

Also, from the same web page: Message from Reverend McCray, regarding the purpose of his store: "I'm a reverend. Everything that I do is an extension of my Christian ministry."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of store is to advance a particular religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Additional comments: A sign on the front door of the store says that the store is closed and has been out of business since May 8, 2009. See: <http://www.robsherman.com/news/2009/07/30.htm>

Item 35

Page Number: 175

Article: 9

Section: 2610

Text: The sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Bethel Lutheran Church for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Unspecified Bethel Lutheran Church (Several churches of the same name are located in Illinois)

Address or Location: Unknown – There are several Bethel Lutheran Churches in Illinois

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Donation to unspecified church for unspecified “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 36

Page Number: 176

Article: 9

Section: 2625

Text: The sum of \$700,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Malachy School for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Unspecified St. Malachy School

Address or Location: Unknown - There are several St. Malachy Schools in Illinois

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school, whichever St. Malachy school it is.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 37

Page Number: 176

Article: 9

Section: 2635

Text: The sum of \$750,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Anthony W. W. Temple for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: St. Anthony W. W. Temple

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown - probably a house of worship.

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Capital improvements

Why grant is challenged: Likely a house of worship.

Additional comments: Challenge will be dropped if grant is for a constitutional purpose.

Item 38

Page Number: 176

Article: 9

Section: 2640

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to WMC West Side (sic) Ministers Coalition for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Westside Ministers Coalition

Address or Location: 4540 W. Washington, Chicago 60624

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.westcoalition.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.westcoalition.org/Frame-946151-homepage946151.html?refresh=1225116301398>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“WMC was founded in 1978, as an extended arm of the Westside Ministers Conference, for the purpose of being a political outlet for the Ministers on the West Side of Chicago. The Coalition would disseminate information to their, “Minister’s congregations,” concerning various political issues. Soon WMC discovered “everything” that happened in Chicago is politically related in some aspect.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: WMC is a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 39

Page Number: 178

Article: 9

Section: 2665

Text: The sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for costs associated with infrastructure improvements at Jewish Day Schools.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Parochial schools

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial schools for unspecified “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Constitutional ban on tax dollars for parochial schools.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 40

Page Number: 178

Article: 9

Section: 2670

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for costs associated with elevator installation at Sampson Katz Center.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: www.juf.org

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago is one of the largest not-for-profit social welfare institution in Illinois and the central address of Chicago's Jewish community.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for elevator installation

Why grant is unconstitutional: JUF steers its benefits to citizens of a particular religious faith.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 41

Page Number: 178

Article: 9

Section: 2675

Text: The sum of \$175,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for costs associated with improvements at Bernard Horwich JCC.

Grant recipient: Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center

Address or Location: 3003 W. Touhy, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Sectarian private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/35/66>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Bringing Jewish values to life! (Trademark)"

Purpose of grant: Donation to sectarian private club for unspecified "improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: The primary purpose of a JCC is to advance Judaism.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; *nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose.*"

Additional comment: State Senator Ira Silverstein is a Director of the Bernard Horwich JCC and voted in favor of this unconstitutional grant to his own organization.

Item 42

Page Number: 178

Article: 9

Section: 2680

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago costs (sic) associated with installation of a handicap accessible ramp at Bernard Horwich JCC.

Grant recipient: Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center

Address or Location: 3003 W. Touhy, Chicago 60645

Type of organization: Sectarian private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/35/66>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Bringing Jewish values to life! (Trademark)"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a sectarian private club for handicap ramp installation.

Why grant is unconstitutional: The primary purpose of a JCC is to advance Judaism.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever."

Additional comment: \$100,000 for a handicap ramp? Is this ramp paved with gold? Is the \$100,000 really for a ramp, or is that merely a thinly disguised "secular" cover for a donation by the taxpayers to persons who subscribe to a particular religion? Also, State Senator Ira Silverstein is a Director of the Bernard Horwich JCC and voted in favor of this unconstitutional grant to his own organization.

Item 43

Page Number: 179

Article: 9

Section: 2685

Text: The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for costs associated with ADA compliance throughout buildings at CJE Jarvis/Falwell Buildings.

Grant recipient: Council for Jewish Elderly (“CJE”)

Address or Location: 1345 W. Jarvis and 1420 W. Farwell, Chicago 60626

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.cje.net>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://cje.net/Page.aspx?pid=270>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “Jewish values for positive aging.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization for costs associated with ADA compliance.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of CJE is to help people of a particular religious sect.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination* or mode of worship.”

Item 44

Page Number: 179

Article: 9

Section: 2690

Text: The sum of \$265,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for costs associated construction and renovation of a facility for developmentally disabled clients.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: www.juf.org

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago is one of the largest not-for-profit social welfare institutions in Illinois and the central address of Chicago's Jewish community.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization that advances religion in their programs, for construction and renovation of facility for disabled persons.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of JUF is to help people of a particular religious sect. All developmentally disabled clients are entitled to a secular publicly-funded education, just like any other citizen. Developmentally disabled persons should not be subjected to religious indoctrination, religious advocacy or religious “enrichment” as a condition for participating in a publicly-funded program. This money should be used to fund a secular program for developmentally disabled persons. “What is crucial is that a government practice not have the effect of communicating a message of government endorsement or disapproval of religion.” Justice O’Connor in Lynch v. Donnelly, 465 U.S. 688, 692.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, *nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.*”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or *to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination* whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 45

Page Number: 180

Article: 9

Section: 2707

Text: The sum of \$80,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Judson College for costs associated with the purchase and installation of a security system

Grant recipient: Judson University Christian College

Address or Location: 1151 North State Street, Elgin 60123

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.judsonu.edu>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.judsonu.edu/admissions>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Judson is a perfect fit for students who are looking for a Christian education.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for purchase and installation of security system.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, *shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever*; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Additional comments: Judson College is a repeat offender. They have continually sought to obtain public funding on the sneak, in violation of the Constitution, despite have been stopped, repeatedly, by Rob Sherman and warned, repeatedly, by Rob Sherman that their conduct is illegal.

Item 46

Page Number: 184

Article: 9

Section: 2790

Text: The sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Routt Catholic High School for costs associated with repairs to the roof at the facility.

Grant recipient: Routt Catholic High School

Address or Location: 500 E. College Ave., Jacksonville 62650

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.routtcatholic.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.routtcatholic.com/glance.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission Statement: Routt Catholic High School provides an excellent secondary education based on the Roman Catholic tradition in a faith-centered environment through the teaching Christian values, the promotion of spiritual growth, and the total development of each student.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for roof repairs

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 47

Page Number: 189

Article: 9

Section: 2875

Text: The sum of \$165,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Blackburn College for costs associated with parking lot repairs and resident hall upgrades.

Grant recipient: Blackburn College

Address or Location: 700 College Ave., Carlinville 62626

Type of organization: Private College that is owned by a sectarian denomination

Grant recipient website: <http://www.blackburn.edu>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.blackburn.edu/Futurestudents/FAQ.asp>

Quote from Grantee web page: "Independent Presbyterian 4-year Liberal Arts College"

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://www.blackburn.edu/Academics/PhilosophyReligion/Requirements.asp>

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

275. Religions in America (3 hours)

Second Semester

Study of the major Christian denominations; indigenous American religious movements; revivalism; the fundamentalist-modernist controversy; missions, voluntarism, and the Social Gospel; African-American religion; ecumenism and pluralism; church-state relations; and civil religion.

303. War, Peace, and Christian Responses (3 hours)

First Semester, alternate years. Offered 2010-2011.

Examinations of historic and current Christian responses to the problems of achieving peace in a violent and divided world. Individual research, readings, and class discussions will analyze scriptural and historical attitudes and apply them to current Christian responses to this issue.

362. Christ and Popular Culture (3 hours)

First Semester

Christian conceptions of Jesus have influenced and been influenced by popular culture throughout history. Examples of this mutual dependence, particularly in the first three centuries of the common era and in contemporary United States, will be examined through the considerations of popular fiction, TV shows, movies, music and other elements of popular culture.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a college that is owned by a religious organization, for parking lot repairs and residence hall upgrades

Why grant is unconstitutional: College is owned by a sectarian denomination

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment
Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 48

Page Number: 192

Article: 9

Section: 2940

Text: The sum of \$125,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of West Cook County for costs associated with renovations and repairs to the facility.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of West Cook County

Address or Location: 4000 St. Paul Ave., Bellwood 60104

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bgwestcook.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

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I believe in America and the American way of life...in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, *which stands for these things*.

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified renovations and repairs.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 49

Page Number: 194

Article: 9

Section: 2965

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church for costs associated with construction of a new training and educational development center located at 112 South Central Avenue in Chicago.

Grant recipient: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

Address or Location: 116 S. Central, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for construction of a building

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any *school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation, to any church, or for any sectarian purpose.*"

Item 50

Page Number: 194

Article: 9

Section: 2970

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Progressive Ministries for costs associated with renovations to the facility's Community Service Room.

Grant recipient: Progressive Ministries

Address or Location: unknown

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for renovations to a building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Presumably a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": *"No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."*

Item 51

Page Number: 198

Article: 9

Section: 3050

Text: The sum of \$125,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Maria High School for costs associated with repaving the parking lot at the facility.

Grant recipient: Maria High School

Address or Location: 6727 S. California, Chicago 60629

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.mariahighschool.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.mariahighschool.org/academics/theology.aspx>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Theology

The Theology Curriculum is designed to raise the consciousness of students, stimulating them to creatively respond to challenges by weaving Christian values into the texture of their lives and into society. An atmosphere of prayer, care and respect is fostered as the academic study of theology is integrated with opportunities for Christian service as well as liturgical and retreat experiences. The common thread drawing humans together is spiritually rooted in an understanding of God's Word, which makes the presence of Jesus a living reality.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry Department of Maria High School exists to promote the mission of the Church and to provide opportunities and experiences to make the presence of Jesus a lived reality in the life of Maria High School community.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for parking lot repaving

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 52

Page Number: 198

Article: 9

Section: 3055

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Maria High School for costs associated with renovations to the auditorium at the facility.

Grant recipient: Maria High School

Address or Location: 6727 S. California, Chicago 60629

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.mariahighschool.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.mariahighschool.org/academics/theology.aspx>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

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Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry Department of Maria High School exists to promote the mission of the Church and to provide opportunities and experiences to make the presence of Jesus a lived reality in the life of Maria High School community.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for auditorium renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 53

Page Number: 198

Article: 9

Section: 3060

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the New Direction Outreach for costs associated with construction of a family enrichment center.

Grant recipient: New Direction Outreach

Address or Location: 6857 S. State, Chicago 60637

Type of organization: unknown

Grant recipient website: unknown

Purpose of grant: Construction of a family enrichment center.

Why grant is challenged: Unknown if grantee and program are secular or sectarian

Additional comments: Challenge will be dropped if the program is secular.

Item 54

Page Number: 199

Article: 9

Section: 3075

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the THG Restaurant Group for costs associated with renovations to the facility located at 76th and Racine in Chicago.

Grant recipient: THG Restaurant Group

Address or Location: 76th and Racine, Chicago 60620

Type of organization: Private restaurant company

Grant recipient website: None found

Relevant web page: <http://www.gagdc.org/display.aspx?pointer=2875>

Quote from relevant web page: (Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corp. web page)

“The new center and an adjacent Popeyes restaurant, at the redeveloping corner of 76th and Racine, will serve Popeyes’ five-state Chicago region, which includes 120 restaurants. Hall owns eight Popeyes franchises on Chicago’s South Side, making him the region’s third-largest franchisee.

“The \$1.6 million project will include administrative facilities for Hall’s company, THG Restaurant Group, LLC, training rooms and renovated restaurant and kitchen facilities next door to show employees and managers how to prepare and present new products.”

Purpose of grant: Renovations to private restaurant owner’s facility.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Grant to a private, for-profit company.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 55

Page Number: 218

Article: 9

Section: 3430

Text: The sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to City of Joliet for costs associated with Rialto Square Theater - University of Saint Francis Downtown Campus Project.

Grant recipient: University of St. Francis through City of Joliet

Address or Location: 150 W. Jefferson, Joliet 60432

Type of organization: Municipal government

Grant recipient website: <http://www.cityofjoliet.info>

Relevant web page: <https://www.stfrancis.edu/about/mission>

Quote from relevant web page: "Mission Statement: As a Catholic university..."

Relevant web page: <http://www.southmetroed.org/reports/8%2027%20USF.pdf>

Quote from relevant web page:

"University of St. Francis art department moves to historic Rialto complex."

Purpose of grant: To pay for costs of a project to help support or sustain a university that is controlled by a church or sectarian denomination.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose is to aid parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly *nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.*"

Item 56

Page Number: 227

Article: 9

Section: 3610

Text: The sum of \$112,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Lillian Smith Center for Youth Development for costs associated with construction and renovations of a facility.

Grant recipient: Lillian Smith Center for Youth Development

Address or Location: 3726 W 135th, Robbins 60472

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Construction and renovation of an unspecified facility.

Why grant is challenged: Unable to determine if grantee and program are secular or sectarian.

Item 57

Page Number: 232

Article: 9

Section: 3695

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Bridge the Gap, Inc. for costs associated with improvements to that facility.

Grant recipient: Bridge the Gap, Inc.

Address or Location: 2413 Canal St., Blue Island 60406

Type of organization: Christian ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bridgethegapinc.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Various web pages)

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide a better life for children and the elderly located in Peru and Nicaragua. We will accomplish our mission by providing a Christian philosophy that brings both hope and a better life here on earth and a better life in the new earth that Christ has promised us. The basis for the existence for Bridge the Gap, Inc., is to be a funnel through which funds flow from those who desire to help to those who are in need in Peru and Nicaragua."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry that advances religion to and provides aid to persons who do not live in Illinois.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Religious ministry; not a public purpose.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 58

Page Number: 232

Article: 9

Section: 3700

Text: The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Blue Island Little League for costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Blue Island Little League

Address or Location:

Type of organization: Youth baseball league

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Purportedly unspecified capital improvements

Why grant is challenged: Sherman does not believe Blue Island Little League owns capital facilities and that, therefore, there are no capital facilities that are in need of improvement.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 59

Page Number: 234

Article: 9

Section: 3750

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for costs associated with the purchase and installation of a new heating and cooling unit for the Blessed Sacrament Youth Program.

Grant recipient: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Address or Location: 3528 S. Hermitage, Chicago 60609

Type of organization: Former (closed - out of business) church

Grant recipient website: (Archdiocese of Chicago) <http://www.archdiocese-chgo.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://parishdirectory.archchicago.org/ParishList.aspx?sType=PA&sName=Our%20Lady%20of%20Good%20Counsel&sChoice=4>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“There are no Parishes with 'OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL' in its name.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church that no longer exists for an HVAC system.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It was a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

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Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 60

Page Number: 236

Article: 9

Section: 3785

Text: The sum of \$511,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Louis L. Valentine Boys and Girls Club of Chicago for costs associated with renovations and repairs to the facility.

Grant recipient: Louis L. Valentine Boys and Girls Club of Chicago

Address or Location: 3400 S. Emerald, Chicago 60616

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.bgcc.org/our_clubs/valentine/Valentine.asp

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

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Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified renovations and repairs.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 61

Page Number: 237

Article: 9

Section: 3790

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the General Robert E. Woods (sic) Boys and Girls Club of Chicago for costs associated with capital improvements at the facility.

Grant recipient: General Robert E. Wood Boys and Girls Club of Chicago

Address or Location: 2950 W. 25th St., Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.bgcc.org/our_clubs/Genwood/genwood.asp

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

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Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified capital improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 62

Page Number: 237

Article: 9

Section: 3805

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Saint Paul Parish for costs associated with capital improvements at the facility located at 2127 W. 22nd Place, Chicago.

Grant recipient: Saint Paul Parish

Address or Location: 2127 W. 22nd Place, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpaulchgo.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://stpaulchgo.org/faith_comm_Mission_statement.html

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Mission Statement: We the parishioners of St. Paul Parish, a culturally rich and diverse community, nourished and sustained by God's Word and the Eucharist, are committed to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 63

Page Number: 238

Article: 9

Section: 3810

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Ann Catholic School for costs associated with capital improvements at the school.

Grant recipient: St. Ann Catholic School

Address or Location: 2211 W. 18th Place, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stanncrusaders.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Home page)

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "With Christ as our Model."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified "capital improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 64

Page Number: 240

Article: 9

Section: 3850

Text: The sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Chicago Baptist Institute for costs associated with capital improvements to the library.

Grant recipient: Chicago Baptist Institute

Address or Location: 5120 S. King Dr., Chicago 60615

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://chicagobaptistinstitute.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Home page)

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Have you heard 'The Call' of Jesus? Jesus Christ has commissioned us to go. Chicago Baptist Institute will help you to get there."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for capital improvements to the library.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 65

Page Number: 240

Article: 9

Section: 3855

Text: The sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Bishop Shepard Little Memorial Center, Inc. for costs associated with the construction of a community center.

Grant recipient: Bishop Shepard Little Memorial Center

Address or Location: 5230 S. Halsted, Chicago 60609

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Construction of a community center

Why grant is challenged: Unable to determine if grantee and program are secular or sectarian.

Item 66

Page Number: 243

Article: 9

Section: 3910

Text: The sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Union Missionary Baptist Church for costs associated with renovations to the church facility, including previously incurred costs.

Grant recipient: Union Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 940 N. Orleans, Chicago 60610

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified church renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 67

Page Number: 243

Article: 9

Section: 3920

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to South Park Baptist Church for costs associated with construction of the Senators Fred and Margaret Smith East of Eden Housing and Senior Services Center.

Grant recipient: South Park Baptist Church

Address or Location: 3722 S. Dr. M. L. King Drive (formerly South Park), Chicago 60653

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for construction of a building, with no requirement that any program provided at the building be secular.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 68

Page Number: 251

Article: 9

Section: 4085

Text: The sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Dominican University for costs associated with the restoration of the Hemingway Boyhood Home.

Grant recipient: Dominican University

Address or Location: 7900 W. Division, River Forest 60305

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.dom.edu>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.dom.edu/about/pres_msg.html

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Dominican is a Catholic university."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for restoration of a building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever."

Item 69

Page Number: 251

Article: 9

Section: 4090

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Great True Vine Baptist Church for costs associated with repairs to the facility.

Grant recipient: Great True Vine Baptist Church (May be Progress TV Missionary BC)

Address or Location: Unknown - May be Progressive TVMBC, 5035 W. Ohio, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified repairs to a church.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 70

Page Number: 252

Article: 9

Section: 4105

Text: The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation for costs associated with the replacement of the HVAC system.

Grant recipient: Unity Temple Restoration Foundation

Address or Location: 875 Lake St., Oak Park 60301

Type of organization: Secular architecture preservation foundation

Grant recipient website: <http://www.unitytemple-utrff.org>

Unity Temple's website: <http://www.unitytemple.org>

Unity Temple's relevant web page: <http://unitytemple.org/re/index.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Religious Education: Unity Temple offers a complete range of religious education opportunities for both children and adults.”

“Children’s Religious Education: Under the direction of Rev. Emily Gage, our Minister of Faith Development, a team of dedicated volunteers serve as instructors for Sunday morning classes for children at levels from Preschool through High School.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church to replace the HVAC system at their house of worship.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Unity Temple is actively used as a house of worship. It is the home and place of worship of a particular religious congregation. Article I, Section 3, of the Illinois Constitution provides, in pertinent part, that “No person shall be required to support any place of worship against his consent.” Since there is no exemption from that provision when the place of worship is a historic building, this grant violates the “place of worship” clause of Article I, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent.

Additional comments: It is well established that the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation is a secular architectural society dedicated to the preservation of the architecture of the historic Unity Temple building. However, an HVAC system is not a part of the architecture of a building. Instead, an HVAC system is part of normal building operations. Therefore, maintaining the HVAC system at Unity Temple is not a part of the secular, architectural mission, or

responsibility, of the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation. Rather, it is an operating cost and financial responsibility of the occupant of the Unity Temple building. That occupant is a particular religious congregation that actively uses Unity Temple as its house of worship. What is being attempted, here, is to improperly transfer responsibility for HVAC operating costs from the religious congregation to the secular architecture foundation for the purpose of unconstitutionally obtaining public funds to pay for an operating cost of a house of worship, but as was stated, above, Unity Temple is actively used as a place of worship by a particular religious congregation, so the “place of worship” clause of Article I, Section 3, of the Illinois Constitution bars using State of Illinois funds for maintaining Unity Temple, regardless of whether or not it is a historic building.

Item 71

Page Number: 255

Article: 10

Section: 20

Text: The amount of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Pius V Parish for construction of a second level at the Casa Juan Diego Youth Center.

Grant recipient: St. Pius V Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago

Address or Location: 1919 S. Ashland, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpiusvparish.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quotes from Grant recipient web page: "Your donation supports our ministries."

"Mission: Our commitment is to promote the message of Christ."

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.casajuandiego.org/mission.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Casa Juan Diego is a non-profit youth center belonging to and administered by St. Pius V Catholic Church.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for building construction

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 72

Page Number: 255

Article: 10

Section: 30

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Paul Church for a new community center.

Grant recipient: St. Paul Church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago

Address or Location: 2127 W. 22nd Place, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpaulchgo.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://stpaulchgo.org/faith_comm_Mission_statement.html

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission Statement: We the parishioners of St. Paul Parish, a culturally rich and diverse community, nourished and sustained by God’s Word and the Eucharist, are committed to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for construction of a new building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 73

Page Number: 256

Article: 10

Section: 40

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Ann Catholic School for building improvements.

Grant recipient: St. Ann Catholic School

Address or Location: 2211 W. 18th Place, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stanncrusaders.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: (Home page)

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "With Christ as our Model."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified building improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 74

Page Number: 259

Article: 10

Section: 115

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Seeds of Hope, Incorporated, for general infrastructure improvements at the facility on Fullerton Avenue.

Grant recipient: Seeds of Hope, Incorporated

Address or Location: Unknown - "Fullerton Avenue," presumably Chicago

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: No known

Purpose of grant: Unspecified "infrastructure improvements at the facility."

Why grant is challenged: Unable to find any information (web site, address, phone number) for organization to establish who they are, what they do or even if they still exist. Challenge will be dropped if legitimate and constitutionally permissible.

Item 75

Page Number: 267

Article: 10

Section: 285

Text: The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Miracle Center, Inc. for construction of a new building for afterschool programs, weekend programs and teen reach activities at the Grace and Peace Center.

Grant recipient: The Miracle Center

Address or Location: 2100 N. Kildare, Chicago 60639

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.themiraclecenter.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.themiraclecenter.org/show_page.php?id=101

Quote from Grant recipient web page ("About us" page):

"Vision: Our vision is to replicate our programs to serve children, youth and families in various communities through Chicago, the United States and internationally with the goal of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and giving them the chance to have a personal relationship with God."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for construction of a new building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of program is to advance religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... *support any ... ministry against his consent*, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Item 76

Page Number: 270

Article: 10

Section: 325

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Latino Pastoral Action Center for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc.

Address: La Capilla del Barrio / The Neighborhood Chapel, 3058 W. Armitage, Chicago

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.lacapilla.us>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.lacapilla.us/lacapilla.us/?page_id=2

Quote from Grant recipient web page ("About us" page):

"La Capilla is a ministry which has partnered with and has outstanding relationships with other churches, community-based agencies, faith-based organizations, public officials and religious leaders throughout Chicago and across the nation.

"In an effort to expand its scope of service, La Capilla in 2007 launched The Latino Pastor (sic) Action Center (LPAC)."

See also: Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc., 14 W. 170th St., Bronx, NY 10452

Their web site: <http://www.lpacministries.com>

Their relevant web page ("About us"): <http://www.lpacministries.com/366020.ihtml>

Quote from that web page:

"In 2004, he launched the National Urban Ministry Project, an AmeriCorps-based service delivery and capacity building partnership with four other faith-based organizations:

Ayuda Community Center in Philadelphia, PA;

La Capilla del Barrio in Chicago, IL;

My Friend's House in Whittier, CA; and

Spanish Evangelical Church in Lawrence, MA.

In partnership, he aims to revitalize these cities by guiding youth and adults to a life-long calling of personal and community growth.

In 2005, he launched the House of Healing, a citywide residential transformation center for men seeking liberation from substance abuse captivity. That same year, he launched the National Holistic Ministry Development Program (NHMDP) in New York, NY and Chicago, IL (with support from La Capilla del Barrio).

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for unspecified "general infrastructure."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Item 77

Page Number: 288

Article: 10

Section: 700

Text: The amount of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Fifth City Chicago Reformulation Corporation for building renovations and rehabilitation.

Grant recipient: Fifth City Chicago Reformulation Corporation

Address or Location: 3350 W Jackson, Chicago 60624

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Building renovations and rehabilitation

Why grant is challenged: Unable to determine if organization and program are secular.
Challenge will be dropped if grant is for a constitutionally permissible purpose.

Item 78

Page Number: 288

Article: 10

Section: 725

Text: The amount of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church for construction of a commercial kitchen at the JLM [Pastor Johnny L. Miller] Abundant Life Center.

Grant recipient: Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Address or Location: 3555 W. Huron, Chicago 60624

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.mvbcchicago.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.mvbcchicago.org/about04.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

WHAT WE BELIEVE-

1. We believe the entire Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of Mary the Virgin, and is the Son of God and is apart of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
3. We believe that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures. He died for the just as well as the unjust that He might bring us to God.
4. We believe that Jesus Christ arose from the grave on the Third day according to the scriptures.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for construction of a kitchen.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provisions violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 79

Page Number: 289

Article: 10

Section: 730

Text: The amount of \$400,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Haven of Rest Missionary Baptist Church for building improvements and renovations of the John Conner Fellowship Hall and Community Center.

Grant recipient: Haven of Rest Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 7925 S. South Chicago or 7901 S. Stony Island, Chicago 60617

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for building improvements and renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 80

Page Number: 289

Article: 10

Section: 740

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago for infrastructure improvements at the Complex and Gymnasium.

Grant recipient: Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 1259 W. 111th, Chicago 60643

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified "infrastructure improvements."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 81

Page Number: 290

Article: 10

Section: 750

Text: The amount of \$45,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Our Lady of Peace in Chicago for ADA approved accessibility improvements.

Grant recipient: Our Lady of Peace Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Address or Location: 7951 S. Jeffrey, Chicago 60649

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.archdiocese-chgo.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://parishdirectory.archchicago.org/ParishList.aspx?sType=PA&sName=Our%20Lady%20of%20Peace&sChoice=4>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Web: Not Available"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for ADA construction

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 82

Page Number: 329

Article: 10

Section: 1550

Text: The amount of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Boys' Club/Girls' Club of Chicago for construction and renovation at the Yancey Boys' Club/Girls' Club.

Grant recipient: Englewood / Yancey Boys and Girls Club of Chicago

Address or Location: 6245 S. Wabash, Chicago 60637 (formerly at 6201 S Stewart Chgo 60621)

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.bgcc.org/our_clubs/find_a_club.asp

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

I believe in America and the American way of life...in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, which stands for these things.

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified construction and renovation at a facility that may no longer exist.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 83

Page Number: 332

Article: 10

Section: 1615

Text: The amount of \$155,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for the general renovations and repairs at the Florence Heller Jewish Community Center.

Grant recipient: Florence Heller Jewish Community Center

Address or Location: 524 W. Melrose, Chicago 60657

Type of organization: Sectarian private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/36/65/>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/15/30/>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

JCC ensures that all of our programs – from early childhood, to our year-round children’s programs, to summer camps, to our adult programs – embody the agency’s commitment to preserve and enrich Jewish life.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for “general renovations and repairs.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: The primary purpose of a JCC is to advance a particular religion by showing a preference to persons of one particular theological perspective in the provision of state aid.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; *nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose.* ”

Item 84

Page Number: 340

Article: 10

Section: 1775

Text: The amount of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Leo Catholic High School for building renovations and improvements.

Grant recipient: Leo Catholic High School

Address or Location: 7901 S. Sangamon, Chicago 60620

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.leohighschool.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.leohighschool.org/spirituality.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Leo Catholic High School, under the direction of the Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, integrates faith with culture, affirms the dignity of all persons, and works for peace and justice within an integrated society. We hold that each person is to model his life on Jesus Christ as taught and interpreted by the Church magisterium (the teaching authority of the Church - the Pope and the Bishops).”

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial school for unspecified bldg renovations & improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 85

Page Number: 341

Article: 10

Section: 1790

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Muhammad Holy Temple of Islam for facility improvements at the Salaam Conference Center.

Grant recipient: Muhammad's Temple of Islam (Nation of Islam)

Address or Location: 734 W. 79th, Chicago 60620

Type of organization: House of worship

Grant recipient website: <http://www.seventhfam.com/temple/mosque.htm>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

http://www.seventhfam.com/temple/books/fall_america/amfall55.htm

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“These are the days of reckoning for the white race as their religious scholars and scientists agree. But because of their nature (evil) they cannot help doing evil things against the righteous. They make war against the righteous (the Blackman) to prevent him from accepting righteousness and the doings of the righteousness.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a house of worship for unspecified facility improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a house of worship

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 86

Page Number: 342

Article: 10

Section: 1805

Text: The amount of \$140,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Catholic Bishop of Chicago for general infrastructure at St. Martin de Porres Church.

Grant recipient: St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church

Address or Location: 5112 W. Washington, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://smdp.archchicago.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

http://smdp.archchicago.org/parish_council/parish_council.htm

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“The Parish Council. Members:
Honorable LaShawn K. Ford Illinois State Representative”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a State Rep’s church for unspecified “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 87

Page Number: 346

Article: 10

Section: 1895

Text: The amount of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to House of Prayer Deliverance Center Church for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: House of Prayer Deliverance Center Church

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for "general infrastructure."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 88

Page Number: 363

Article: 10

Section: 3025

Text: The amount of \$85,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for technology infrastructure upgrades.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare that targets aid to members of a particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for “technology infrastructure”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 89

Page Number: 363

Article: 10

Section: 3030

Text: The amount of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for Fiedler Hillel for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Fiedler Hillel Foundation at Northwestern University

Address or Location: 629 Foster Street, Evanston 60201

Type of organization: College campus religious organization

Grant recipient website: <http://www.nuhillel.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Our mission is to inspire every Jewish student to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life.”

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.hillel.org/about/default>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“About Hillel: The largest Jewish campus organization in the world.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of organization is to advance religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 90

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Article: 10

Section: 3550

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Rockford Rescue Mission Ministries for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Rockford Rescue Mission Ministries

Address or Location: 715 W. State St., Rockford, 61102

Type organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.rockfordrescuemission.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"

"Partnering with the Church and Community"

"Rejoicing in Lives Changed by God"

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.rockfordrescuemission.org/liferecovery_men.asp

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Our curriculum offers Bible classes"

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.rockfordrescuemission.org/healingplace.asp>

Quote from above web page: "The Healing Place is a ministry of wholeness for women of faith."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Item 91

Page Number: 390

Article: 10

Section: 3575

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Carpenter's Place for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Carpenter's Place

Address or Location: 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford 61104

Type of organization: Religious ministry and social service

Grant recipient website: <http://www.carpentersplace.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.carpentersplace.org/about_basics.htm

“Faith-based Model” link

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

“Through out history, and in our daily work at Carpenter's Place, we see men and women who believe in the existence of God yet struggle to know and understand their individual relationship to and connection with God. We also see the settling effect of a person who is at peace with God. Faith is a great healer and stabilizer, as well as the greatest source of moral and ethical direction in life. Helping a person attain peace with God can greatly assist in the stabilization process for other areas of life as well.

“By definition, a faith-based or faith-centered organization must have a faith that it espouses. We strive to uncomplicate the way to peace with God and as such, our faith statement is relatively simple:

“God: Jesus has opened the way, and shown the way, to attain peace with God. He is our ultimate example of compassion and teacher in matters of faith.

The Bible: The collection of writings commonly known as The Bible is utilized as our instruction manual for matters of faith and healthy living.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 92

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Article: 10

Section: 3580

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Rosecrance, Inc. for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Rosecrance, Inc.

Address or Location: 1021 N. Mulford Road, Rockford 61107

Type of organization: Religious ministry and social service

Grant recipient website: <http://www.rosecrance.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.rosecrance.org/about/mission.asp>

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

“We seek to serve through the loving example of Christ.”

“We believe in the power of the 12 Step fellowship and the desire of every human spirit to heal.”

[One of the requirements of the “12 step method” is belief that there is a god]

“Spirituality: We acknowledge the presence and power of God as central to the recovery process”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 93

Page Number: 391

Article: 10

Section: 3595

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Progressive West Rockford Community Development Corporation ["PWRCDC"] for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: West Rockford Missionary Baptist Church, d/b/a PWRCDC

Address or Location: 1411 Blaisdell, Rockford 61101

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Relevant web page: http://www.manta.com/coms2/dnbcompany_fgwchl

Quote from relevant web page: "West Rockford Missionary Bapt also does business as Progressive West Rockford Community Development Corp"

Relevant web page: <http://www.rrstar.com/news/columnists/x1307072307/School-rehab-last-chance-to-stop-wrecking-ball>

Quote from relevant web page:

By Chuck Sweeny, Rockford Register Star, August 1, 2009

"In my last column about the abandoned Church School, I gave examples of the numerous code violations and city actions regarding the building since 1997.

"That's the year a group called Progressive West Rockford Community Development Corp. bought the empty school from the Rockford School Board for \$36,000. The Rev. Earl Dotson Sr. leads the group. Dotson has said since 1997 that he wants to turn the building into a community center to help youngsters in the neighborhood.

"Yet during those 12 years, Dotson's organization has done nothing to improve the school, which has been condemned for most of this decade. The building's windows are broken or boarded up. The fence along Furman Street was severely damaged by a car some years ago and never repaired.

"Gang graffiti frequently appears on the building and has to be removed by the city at taxpayer expense. The city has had to cut the grass and attach liens to the property.

"Ald. Ann Thompson-Kelly, D-7th, has tried over the years to help Dotson with his project. But she now supports the city's attempt to gain control of the school, built in 1894 with a gym added in 1936. The new plan is to turn the old part of the school into 44 senior apartments, with the gym becoming a multipurpose room."

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Relevant web page:

<http://www.rrstar.com/news/x581520207/Hopes-for-Church-School-crumbling>

Quotes from relevant web page:

“ROCKFORD — A vision to eliminate “the single largest eyesore in the city” and replace it with a senior living complex is evaporating even as the city moves to foreclose on the dilapidated Church School property.

“Progressive West Rockford Community Development Group, led by the Rev. Earl Dotson Sr., all but lost control of the property Wednesday when the Winnebago County circuit clerk’s office certified Judge Edward Prochaska’s Aug. 5 foreclosure decree.

“City officials have arranged for an Oct. 8 sheriff’s sale to auction the Furman Street school property.”

See also:

www.rrstar.com/opinions/x262905385/Church-School-has-waited-enough-time-to-fix-it-up

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified infrastructure improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Additional comment: It appears, from the above-quoted stories in the Rockford Register Star newspaper, that the church no longer controls the property at which they intended to use the money.

Item 94

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Article: 10

Section: 3615

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Inc. for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Inc.

Physical Address: 1800 Seventh Ave., Rockford 61104

Mailing Address: PO Box 4085, Rockford 61110

Type of organization: Private club that discriminates on basis of religion and sexual orientation in both membership and hiring.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.blackhawkscouting.org>

Purpose of grant: Donation to discriminatory private club (“No atheists or gays allowed”) for infrastructure improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Boy Scouts bars atheists and gays from membership.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever be guaranteed, and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”:

“Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Additional comments: It is not a public purpose to use public funds to subsidize a discriminatory program. Sherman’s son’s membership in Cub Scouts was cancelled in or about 1988 on account of Boy Scouts’ “No atheists allowed” policy. Sherman’s son was also refused enrollment in the Buffalo Grove Police Department Explorer Post in 1997 for the same reason. Here, Boy Scouts wants Sherman to pay additional taxes to subsidize programs that Sherman’s son was barred from participating in on account of religion. Additionally, in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 US 640 (2000), the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Boy Scouts may discriminate against gays and atheists because Boy Scouts have a First Amendment right to advocate a particular religious perspective. However, it is not a public purpose (constitutionally impermissible) to use public funds to advocate a particular religious perspective.

Item 95

Page Number: 393

Article: 10

Section: 3625

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Rockford

Address or Location: 4920 Forest Hills Road, Loves Park 61111

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.rockfordboysandgirlsclub.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/howeare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

The Boys & Girls Club Code

I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

I believe in America and the American way of life...in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, which stands for these things.

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Additional comment: Some Rockford (and other communities') Boys and Girls Clubs are located in churches. There is no restriction in this line item from using the funds to do infrastructure improvements to the churches where the clubs are located.

Item 96

Page Number: 400

Article: 10

Section: 3760

Text: The amount of \$175,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for general infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 97

Page Number: 401

Article: 10

Section: 3790

Text: The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Agudath Israel of Illinois for the remodeling of Soulu.

Grant recipient: Agudath Israel of Illinois

Address or Location: 3555 W. Peterson, Chicago 60659

Type of organization: Sectarian social welfare

Grant recipient website: No known

Grant recipient relevant web page: From "Charity Navigator," www.charitynavigator.org

See: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=3223>

Quote from Charity Navigator web page:

"Agudath Israel of America promotes the ideals of Orthodox Judaism. Its main work includes conducting Torah projects to advance the study of Torah and observance of Torah ideals; operating youth programs and three summer camps providing an Orthodox Jewish atmosphere, education and recreation."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization for the remodeling of "Soulu." The word, "Soulu," does not exist in the Merriam Webster dictionary of the English language.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Purpose of organization is to advance religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Item 98

Page Number: 403

Article: 10

Section: 3820

Text: The amount of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Saint Patrick High School for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: St. Patrick High School

Address or Location: 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago 60634

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpatrick.org>

Recipient relevant web page: <http://www.stpatrick.org/about/welcome/spiritualphilosophy.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Saint Patrick High School is, above all else, a Catholic school. In religion class the student will learn what responsibilities he has personally to his God and to his neighbor.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school (for unspecified “general infrastructure.”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 99

Page Number: 403

Article: 10

Section: 3825

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Luther North School Association, Inc. in Chicago for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Luther High School North

Address or Location: 5700 W. Berteau, Chicago 60634

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.luthernorth.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.luthernorth.org/page.asp?p=63>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

If you are an exploring friend of Christian education, we welcome your sense of discovery and believe you will be pleased with what you find. Because we are dedicated to Christian mission, we state boldly that we seek to develop “Christian servant-leaders.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 100

Page Number: 403

Article: 10

Section: 3835

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence of Chicago for construction of a Developmentally Disabled Home for children and adults.

Grant recipient: Daughters of St. Mary of Providence of Chicago

Address or Location: 4200 N. Austin, Chicago 60634

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: http://www.cmswr.org/member_communities/DSMP.htm

Quote from Grant recipient home page: "The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence live their special vocation, binding themselves to God with the three vows of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience. Faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, the Sisters spread the "culture of charity" ministering to: Physically and mentally handicapped adults, Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Senior Citizens in Health Care Facilities/ Assisted Living Arrangements, Low Income Housing, Parish Groups in Religious Education Classes, [and] Soup Kitchen.

At present, over 1,200 members are represented in fourteen countries around the world: Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Romania, India, Philippine Islands, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Mexico, Canada and the United States. As a sign of their total consecration to Christ, the Sisters wear a simple, uniform habit with veil and a Crucifix.

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious ministry for home for developmentally disabled.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Additional comments: While this effort by the Sisters is noble, even the developmentally disabled are entitled to have their publicly funded services provided in a secular environment.

Item 101

Page Number: 405

Article: 10

Section: 3870

Text: The amount of \$135,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Archdiocese of the Chicago Office of Education for general infrastructure for the following schools: St. Tarcissus, St. Cornelius, St. Constance, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Edwards, Our Lady of Victory, St. Pascals, St. Bartholomew, St. Ladislaus.

Grant recipient: Archdiocese of Chicago

Address or Location: 835 N. Rush St., Chicago 60611

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.archdiocese-chgo.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://schools.archchicago.org/public/whycatholicschools.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “The values and faith you teach your children at home are reinforced every day in our schools and in our co-curricular activities.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to parochial schools (for “general infrastructure”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: They are parochial schools.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 102

Page Number: 415

Article: 10

Section: 4060

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for Weinger Jewish Community Center in Northbrook for security infrastructure upgrades.

Grant recipient: Bernard Weinger Jewish Community Center

Address or Location: 300 Revere Dr., Northbrook 60062

Type of organization: Sectarian private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/32/62>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.gojcc.org/content/view/181/149>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Are you raising Jewish children, but you were not raised Jewish? Don't do it alone! Let us help.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a sectarian private club (for security upgrades)

Why grant is unconstitutional: The mission of a JCC is to advance a particular religion

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Additional comment: It is not the job of the taxpayers to help raise children to be Jewish.

Item 103

Page Number: 438

Article: 10

Section: 4530

Text: The amount of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for construction and renovation.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 104

Page Number: 467

Article: 10

Section: 5130

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Calumet Township for general infrastructure for the Blue Island Little League.

Grant recipient: Blue Island Little League

Address or Location:

Type of organization: Youth baseball league

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Unspecified “general infrastructure”

Why grant is challenged: Sherman does not believe Blue Island Little League owns capital facilities and that, therefore, there are no capital facilities that are in need of improvement.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 105

Page Number: 468

Article: 10

Section: 5155

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Boys' Club/Girls' Club of Lake County, Waukegan for facility expansion.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Lake County

Address or Location: 1801 Sheridan Rd., North Chicago 60064

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bgclc.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

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I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, *which stands for these things.*

Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for expansion at an unspecified one of their two Waukegan facilities.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 106

Page Number: 479

Article: 10

Section: 5385

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Holy Trinity High School for renovations of science laboratories and technology.

Grant recipient: Holy Trinity High School

Address or Location: 1443 W. Division, Chicago 60642

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.holytrinity-hs.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.holytrinity-hs.org/content/mission>

Quote from recipient web page:

“Holy Trinity works closely with the [Archdiocese of Chicago](#) to provide a sound Catholic education through various academic and co-curricular programs.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school (for science labs and technology)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 107

Page Number: 482

Article: 10

Section: 5430

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to New Life Covenant Church in Chicago for upgrading of the facade and installation of energy efficient windows at the North Avenue facility.

Grant recipient: New Life Covenant Church

Address or Location: 2704 W. North Avenue, Chicago 60647

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.mynewlife.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

http://www.mynewlife.org/10087/content/content_id/9545/Mission___Vision

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Our Covenant is to bring unbelievers to Jesus."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church (for facade upgrades and new windows)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Additional comment: Sherman, a prominent atheist, objects to paying taxes for the purpose of helping a church "to bring unbelievers to Jesus."

Item 108

Page Number: 483

Article: 10

Section: 5450

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Centro Sin Fronteras in Chicago for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Familia Latina Unida Sin Fronteras

Address or Location: 2716 W. Division, Chicago 60622

Type of organization: Political advocacy

Grant recipient website: <http://fluenglish.wordpress.com>

(Note: "FLU" in the web address stands for Familia Latina Unida)

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://fluenglish.wordpress.com/about>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

What We Want and What We Believe

We want an immediate moratorium on all raids, deportations and separation of families.

We believe that the right and responsibility of a man and woman to form a family, work hard and stay together to raise their children in the ways of the Lord is given by God and must be recognized by this nation.

We want comprehensive immigration reform that provides legalization for the 12 million undocumented. We did not create the system of undocumented labor whose bitter fruit is the separation of families. We have only tried to survive and provide for our families within that system. We have paid our taxes and given our labor. We are not criminals. We are not terrorists. We want a renegotiation of NAFTA and other trade and financial agreements that have destroyed so many jobs in Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, forcing millions to make the dangerous crossing north in order to feed their families.

We believe that the policies imposed by the United States caused millions of people to come to this country to survive where they were openly given employment, creating great wealth for hundreds of thousands of businesses. We believe that the United States is acting in a hypocritical and unjust way to now call these workers illegal and to cruelly move to separate them from the families that were formed here and the children that were born here.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a political advocacy organization (for "general infrastructure")

Why grant is unconstitutional: It is not a public purpose for public funds to be used to support the cost of promoting a group's political agenda and ideology.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Freedom of Speech

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 109

Page Number: 490

Article: 10

Section: 5605

Text: The amount of \$125,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for expansion of the emergency and security infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious organization (for emergency and security infrastructure)

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organization targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 110

Page Number: 491

Article: 10

Section: 5620

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Community Christian Alternative Academy for general infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Community Christian Alternative Academy

Address or Location: 1231 S. Pulaski, Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: None found

Relevant website: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect, Park Ridge 60068

Relevant website address: <http://www.stmaryspr.org/node/24>

Quote from relevant website: "Community Christian Alternative Academy (CCA)
Posted in Outreach Partners"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified "general infrastructure."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 111

Page Number: 491

Article: 10

Section: 5625

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Lawndale Christian Reform (sic) Church and School for general infrastructure renovations.

Grant recipient: Lawndale Christian Reformed Church and School

Address or Location: 1241 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Church and parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.faithwebsites.com/lawndalecrc>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "This web site is currently disabled."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church and to a parochial school for unspecified "general infrastructure renovations."

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's both a church and a parochial school

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church, or for any sectarian purpose. "

Item 112

Page Number: 492

Article: 10

Section: 5650

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Christian Valley Baptist Church for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Christian Valley Baptist Church

Address or Location: 1237 S. Homan, Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church (for unspecified “general infrastructure”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

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Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 113

Page Number: 496

Article: 10

Section: 5730

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Rock Island Alleman High School for general infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Alleman Catholic High School

Address or Location: 1103 40th Street, Rock Island 61201

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.allemanhighschool.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.allemanhighschool.org/about_us/values.shtml

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Objectives: To provide a program of studies and activities reflecting Catholic philosophy through which students acquire knowledge and develop attitudes essential for Catholic living.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school (for unspecified “general infrastructure”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 114

Page Number: 503

Article: 10

Section: 5860

Text: The sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys' Club/Girls' Club of Waukegan for facility renovation and upgrade.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Lake County

Address or Location: 1801 Sheridan Rd., North Chicago 60064

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bgclc.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/howeare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

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Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry (for renovation and expansion at an unspecified one of their two Waukegan facilities.)

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 115

Page Number: 503

Article: 10

Section: 5875

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Waukegan Baptist Bible Church for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Waukegan Baptist Bible Church

Address or Location: 10215 W. Beach Road and/or 1500 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan 60087

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.wbbcministry.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Waukegan Baptist Bible Church. This site is currently under construction.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for unspecified “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

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Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 116

Page Number: 509

Article: 10

Section: 5980

Text: The amount of \$125,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation for Frank Lloyd Wright building restoration.

Grant recipient: Unity Temple Restoration Foundation

Address or Location: 875 Lake St., Oak Park 60301

Type of organization: Secular architecture preservation foundation

Grant recipient website: <http://www.unitytemple-utrff.org>

Unity Temple's website: <http://www.unitytemple.org>

Unity Temple's relevant web page: <http://unitytemple.org/re/index.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Religious Education: Unity Temple offers a complete range of religious education opportunities for both children and adults.”

“Children’s Religious Education: Under the direction of Rev. Emily Gage, our Minister of Faith Development, a team of dedicated volunteers serve as instructors for Sunday morning classes for children at levels from Preschool through High School.”

Purpose of grant: Building restoration, presumably of historic Unity Temple building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Unity Temple is actively used as a house of worship. It is the home and place of worship of a particular religious congregation. Article I, Section 3, of the Illinois Constitution provides, in pertinent part, that “No person shall be required to support any place of worship against his consent.” Since there is no exemption from that provision when the place of worship is a historic building, this grant violates the “place of worship” clause of Article I, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent.

Item 117

Page Number: 509

Article: 10

Section: 5990

Text: The amount of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Hope Community Church for general infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Hope Community Church

Address or Location: Unknown - there is more than one church by that name in Illinois

Type of organization: Church

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church (for "general infrastructure improvements.")

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

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Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 118

Page Number: 511

Article: 10

Section: 6045

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Julia Center, Inc. for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters d/b/a Julia Center

Address or Location: 1520 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago 60642

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.olvm.org/juliacenter.html>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

“Julia Center is directed by Victory Noll Sisters and is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, *funded solely by private grants and donations.*”

“Program offerings include: Spiritual enrichment and bible reflection.”

Emphasis added by Sherman.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry (for “general infrastructure.”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

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Item 119

Page Number: 512

Article: 10

Section: 6055

Text: The sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago for general infrastructure at the Barreto Boys and Girls Club. (Barreto is part of Union League B&G Clubs, not B&G Club of Chicago.)

Grant recipient: Miguel A. Barreto Boys and Girls Club of Union League B&G Clubs

Address or Location: 1214 N. Washtenaw, Chicago 60622

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.ulbgc.org/club_locations.html

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

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Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 120

Page Number: 512

Article: 10

Section: 6060

Text: The sum of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Union League Boys and Girls Clubs for general infrastructure at the Club One location.

Grant recipient: Club One Boys and Girls Club

Address or Location: 2157 W. 19th Street, Chicago 60608

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: http://www.ulbgc.org/club_locations.html

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/howeare/history.asp>

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Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for "general infrastructure."

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 121

Page Number: 516

Article: 10

Section: 6135

Text: The amount of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School for a new building.

Grant recipient: Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School

Address or Location: 5088 W. Jackson, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ckjesuit.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ckjesuit.org/about/building.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“The building site for Christ the King's new home, a 100,000 square foot building at 5088 West Jackson, is a busy and wonderful sight on the West Side. Designed by award winning Chicago architect John Ronan, Christ the King will be the first new Catholic high school built on the West Side of Chicago in 85 years.”

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ckjesuit.org/about/overview.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “The school's program is designed to foster each student's intellectual and spiritual growth built on a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ckjesuit.org/about/board.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “Board of Trustees:

“Rep. LaShawn K. Ford, Illinois General Assembly-8th District, Chicago, IL”

Note: Rep. Ford voted in favor of the SB1211, which provided for sending \$500,000 of taxpayer money to this business on which he serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for building construction.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 122

Page Number: 519

Article: 10

Section: 6215

Text: The amount of \$65,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Mt. Zion Sheila Day Care for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 2500 30th Street, Zion 60099

Type of organization: Church-based parochial school

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for its parochial school. The street address of the parochial school is 2515 30th Street, Zion 60099

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 123

Page Number: 520

Article: 10

Section: 6220

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Sheridan Crossing for general infrastructure, upgrades and renovation.

Grant recipient: Sheridan Crossing

Address or Location: Northwest corner of Sheridan Road and Dr. M. L. King, North Chicago

Type of organization: Private business (shopping center)

Grant recipient website: (see next 2 lines)

<http://www.northchicago.org/vertical/Sites/%7B892BE042-FCA9-4ADD-99D5-E4FC8D1104BD%7D/uploads/%7BD AF158D2-EA12-41D2-B3E6-C1F2FE35CF0D%7D.PDF>

Grant recipient relevant web page: pdf page 1

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Available for Development"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private hotel/retail/restaurant shopping center development

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a private business.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 124

Page Number: 520

Article: 10

Section: 6230

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Postive Anti-Crime Thrust, Inc. for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Positive Anti-Crime Thrust, Inc. ("PACT")

Address or Location: 8234 S. Buffalo, Chicago 60617

Type of organization: Home-based prison ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.communitysafety.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.communitysafety.org/pmn.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Recognizing the devastating impact the criminal justice system has on individuals, families and communities, and the limited understanding and resources available to address issues and propose/implement practical solutions, the Prison Ministry Network was formed.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry supposedly for “general infrastructure.” However, since the business is located in a multi-family residential building (for which it probably is not zoned to be there), it is doubtful that PACT even owns any infrastructure. Maybe that’s why the web site “Contact” page lists a telephone number but no address.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 125

Page Number: 521

Article: 10

Section: 6245

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the United Youth Academy for general infrastructure at the Zion facility.

Grant recipient: Al Rogers d/b/a United Youth Academy

Address or Location: 39934 Mauser Drive, Wadsworth 60083

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: None found

Grant recipient relevant web: <http://www.taxexemptworld.com/organization.asp?tn=1709918>

Quote from relevant web page: "Taxonomy: Remedial Reading, Reading Encouragement"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a home-based charity for "general infrastructure"

Why grant may be unconstitutional: Unable to determine if "Zion facility" is a secular or sectarian location. Funds cannot be used to, for example, do "general infrastructure" for a church or parochial school which might be housing the operations of this charity.

Item 126

Page Number: 525

Article: 10

Section: 6340

Text: The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to La Voz Latina, Inc. in Rockford for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: La Voz Latina, Inc.

Address or Location: 412 Market, Rockford 61107

Type of organization: Hispanic newspaper

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private newspaper (for “infrastructure improvements”)

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a newspaper. Citizens cannot be forced to pay for promoting the editorial views of selected news publishers. The government cannot decide which newspaper publishers get supported by tax dollars. Otherwise, taxpayers will be forced to support pro-government publishers and anti-government newspapers wouldn’t get any. Newspapers would lose their objectivity and support the government for the purpose of get a payoff of tax dollars. The government could then be able to use tax dollars to buy positive coverage.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Freedom of speech.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 127

Page Number: 529

Article: 10

Section: 6405

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Rosecrance Health Network for general infrastructure at the Rockford Men's Recovery Home.

Grant recipient: Rosecrance, Inc.

Address or Location: 1021 N. Mulford Road, Rockford 61107

Type of organization: Religious ministry and social service

Grant recipient website: <http://www.rosecrance.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.rosecrance.org/about/mission.asp>

Quotes from Grant recipient web page:

“We seek to serve through the loving example of Christ.”

“We believe in the power of the 12 Step fellowship and the desire of every human spirit to heal.”

[One of the requirements of the “12 step method” is belief that there is a god]

“Spirituality: We acknowledge the presence and power of God as central to the recovery process”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 128

Page Number: 535

Article: 10

Section: 6525

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Greater Galilee Baptist Church for infrastructure upgrades.

Grant recipient: Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 1308 S. Independence Blvd., Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Relevant web page: http://www.manta.com/coms2/dnbcompany_cpkp89

Quote from Relevant web page: "Greater Galilee Baptist Church also does business as Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for "infrastructure upgrades"

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Item 129

Page Number: 535

Article: 10

Section: 6530

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Fire House Project for infrastructure upgrades.

Grant recipient: None named

Address or Location: None

Type of organization: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Donation to an unnamed party for infrastructure upgrades

Why grant is unconstitutional: Since no Grantee is named, not able to demonstrate that this is a public purpose.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 130

Page Number: 536

Article: 10

Section: 6550

Text: The amount of \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Truth and Deliverance International Ministries for roofing work and general infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Truth and Deliverance International Ministries

Address or Location: 3 S. Laramie, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.tdcc.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "We are blessed by your visit , and we believe that God has directed our paths to intersect."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for building repairs.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Item 131

Page Number: 536

Article: 10

Section: 6560

Text: The amount of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church for general infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church

Address or Location: 116 S. Central Avenue, Chicago 60644

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for “general infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ...”

Item 132

Page Number: 540

Article: 10

Section: 6645

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Grace Lutheran School in Chicago for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Grace Lutheran School

Address or Location: 4106 W. 28th, Chicago 60623

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “general infrastructure”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 133

Page Number: 541

Article: 10

Section: 6650

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Humboldt Community Christian School for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Humboldt Community Christian School

Address or Location: 1847 N. Humboldt Blvd, Chicago 60647

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://humboldtccs.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “Biblically: HCCS is committed to helping students understand Christ’s teachings. We work to inspire faithful disciples of Christ who embody spiritual values, hold fast to biblical truths, and live out a commitment to God. We minister not only to our students, but also to their families, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 134

Page Number: 541

Article: 10

Section: 6655

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Salem Christian Academy for infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Salem Christian Academy

Address or Location: 11816 S. Indiana, Chicago 60628

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.salemchristianacademy.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.salemchristianacademy.org/content.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Message from the Pastor/CEO:

As I reflect on the many years Salem Christian Academy has successfully educated students, I anticipate even more greatness as our teachers and support staff pour into our students the life skills, knowledge, and Christian values they will need to navigate through a world filled with great opportunities and even greater challenges. I thank God for the continued support of our parents, church family, and community, and I look forward with great anticipation to Salem Christian Academy's best year yet!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James T. Meeks [a/k/a SENATOR JAMES MEEKS]
Pastor/CEO”

Purpose of grant: Donation to SENATOR JAMES MEEKS’ parochial school for “infrastructure improvements.”

Additional comment: Senator Meeks was also a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 1463 in the 95th General Assembly (2007-2008). SB1463 is the unconstitutional Student Prayer Act that made the “Moment of Silence” mandatory. In addition, Senator Meeks is also the Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, so if there is anybody in Illinois – indeed, anybody in the entire world – who would know that this grant to his own parochial school is unconstitutional, it’s Senator James Meeks. Now, he’s using his position in the legislature to illegally funnel tax dollars to his very own parochial school.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

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Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment
Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for
Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Item 135

Page Number: 541

Article: 10

Section: 6660

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Archdiocese of Chicago for infrastructure improvements at St. Hyacinth School.

Grant recipient: St. Hyacinth School

Address or Location: 3640 W. Wolfram, Chicago 60618

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://sthyacinthbasilica.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://sthyacinthbasilica.org/archives/812#more-812>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “We invite you to encounter Christ – cradle Him in the palm of your hand... rest Him on your tongue... let Him become a part of you... transform you.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 136

Page Number: 541

Article: 10

Section: 6665

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Archdiocese of Chicago for infrastructure improvements at St. John Berchmans School.

Grant recipient: St. John Berchmans School

Address or Location: 2511 W. Logan Blvd, Chicago 60647

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stjohnberchmans.org/about.html>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.stjohnberchmans.org/admission.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Admission Requirements

“Admission of any child is dependent on the agreement that parents or legal guardians and the child agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the Archdiocese of Chicago and St. John Berchmans School.

“St. John Berchmans School does not have the available resources to provide programs for the disabled. Parents are encouraged to find an appropriate school to meet these special needs.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school that discriminates against the handicapped for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 137

Page Number: 541

Article: 10

Section: 6670

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Archdiocese of Chicago for infrastructure improvements at St. Sylvester School.

Grant recipient: St. Sylvester School

Address or Location: 3027 W. Palmer Square, Chicago 60647

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stsylvester.org/index.html.html>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

http://www.stsylvester.org/Prospective_Students_&_Families_files/FAQ.doc

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “Religion classes, prayer services, and weekly mass reveal the Catholic nature of our school and all students participate in these opportunities.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school that for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 138

Page Number: 556

Article: 11

Section: 59

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Free and Accepted Masons of Springfield for all costs associated with restoring the Central Lodge #3 facility.

Grant recipient: Free and Accepted Masons of Springfield

Address or Location: 2866 Via Verde, Springfield 62703

Type of organization: Discriminatory private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ilmason.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ilmason.org/reqs.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Membership requirements:

"Membership is open to *men* of every race, religion, culture, and income level. The basic requirements for membership are as follows:

Be age 18 or older

Have resided in Illinois resident for at least six months (unless specially waived)

Be able to read and write English

Be of good moral and social character; and

Believe in a Supreme Deity (necessary to take certain oaths, otherwise no obligation would be binding upon you).

Emphasis added by Sherman.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a discriminatory private club (No women or atheists allowed) for building renovations.

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": No person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 139

Page Number: 575

Article: 11

Section: 119f

Text: The amount of \$55,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Oblong Children's Home for all costs associated with capital improvements to the facility.

Grant recipient: Oblong Children's Christian Home

Address or Location: 4094 E. 1050th Avenue, Oblong 62449

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.oblongchristianhome.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.oblongchristianhome.org/id6.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission Statement: Oblong Children's Christian Home's Mission is to glorify God by discipling (sic) neglected and troubled children and their families. The home provides a Christian family (sic) model that demonstrates God's unconditional love, teaches God's truth and encourages each child's unique abilities.

“Measure of Success: In the last seven years twenty two teens have accepted Christ. “

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious ministry for “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 140

Page Number: 588

Article: 11

Section: 163

Text: The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Plunkett Foundation for all costs associated with development and construction of athletic fields and facilities with Elmhurst Park District and Immaculate Conception High School in and around Plunkett Park, Immaculate Conception Fields, Lewis Stadium and the Elmhurst Park District.

Grant recipient: Immaculate Conception High School via Plunkett Foundation

Address or Location: 217 Cottage Hill Avenue, Elmhurst 60126

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ichsknights.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ichsknights.org/about.aspx>

Quote from relevant web page:

“Under the patronage and example of our Blessed Mother, Immaculate Conception High School inspires students to live the Catholic faith in service to their school and community.”

Purpose of the grant: To allow a private party, rather than the State, to decide how many tax dollars will be spent on government facilities and how much will be unconstitutionally spent on facilities owned by a parochial school.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Delegating to a private party the decision on spending tax dollars on facilities owned by a parochial school, and combining tax dollars for a parochial school with tax dollars for governmental agencies, does not make the grant constitutional.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 141

Page Number: 589

Article: 11

Section: 166

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Montini High School for all costs associated with flood retention and mitigation.

Grant recipient: Montini High School

Address or Location: 19W070 16th Street, Lombard 60148

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.montini.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://www.montini.org/s/200/internal.aspx?sid=200&gid=1&pgid=319>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“In order to maintain and grow the Lasallian educational mission of our school, a mission that is committed to provide all students with an excellent Catholic college preparatory education and experience, I need your support to the Montini Catholic Annual Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and our (sic) support to the Montini Catholic Annual Appeal, and “May Jesus Live In Our Hearts...Forever”.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for flood control.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 142

Page Number: 634

Article: 11

Section: 338

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for all costs associated with building renovations.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization for unspecified infrastructure improvements

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Item 143

Page Number: 639

Article: 11

Section: 359

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Reformers Unanimous for all costs associated with reconstruction of the Women's Rehabilitation Center

Grant recipient: Reformers Unanimous International Ministries

Address or Location: 333 E. State, Rockford 61104

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.reformu.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://reformu.com/about/what-is-ru/our-mission.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Reformers Unanimous Ministries exists to help anybody worldwide who wishes to experience a life of victory over difficulty. This victory is obtained and retained not through an experience of ongoing effort, but through a once in a lifetime decision to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and a subsequent dedication to developing a dynamic love relationship with Him.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for building renovations.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

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Page Number: 644

Article: 11

Section: 375

Text: The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Rockford Boys and Girls Club for all costs associated with construction, replacement and upgrades to the physical plant at the Carlson Boys and Girls Club.

Grant recipient: Carlson Boys and Girls Club

Address or Location: 1028 Evans Avenue, Machesney Park 61115

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website:

http://www.rockfordboysandgirlsclub.org/main_sublinks.asp?id=5&sid=64

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Who We Are" page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

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Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for renovations.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 145

Page Number: 655

Article: 11

Section: 417

Text: The amount of \$200,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Newman Center for all costs associated with construction of a student services building at Illinois State University.

Grant recipient: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Newman Center

Address or Location: 501 S. Main, Normal 61761

Type of organization: Campus religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.isucatholic.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.isucatholic.org/AboutUs/history.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Responding to a growing Catholic community, a Newman Club was founded under the care of Father Hughes to support and nourish the faith lives of university Catholics.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for building construction.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a religious ministry

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 146

Page Number: 666

Article: 11

Section: 456

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Wayside Cross for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Wayside Cross Ministries

Address or Location: 215 E. New York, Aurora 60505

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.waysidecross.org/about/leaders.php>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.waysidecross.org/about/history.php>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission:

“To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious ministry for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 147

Page Number: 666

Article: 11

Section: 458

Text: The amount of \$400,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Outreach Ministries for all costs associated with the purchase of a new facility and repair.

Grant recipient: Outreach Community Ministries

Address or Location: 122 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton 60187

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com/page.asp?p=1&i=6>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Mission and history: OCM and its partner churches are dedicated to putting this mission into action by providing a full range of charitable, educational, religious and community development activities. These activities help people and the communities they live in realize their God-given potential as uniquely gifted individuals, in their family and community relationships, and in the relationship that they can have with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for new building and renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

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Item 148

Page Number: 667

Article: 11

Section: 459

Text: The amount of \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Outreach Ministries for all costs associated building repair and handicap accessibility.

Grant recipient: Outreach Community Ministries

Address or Location: 122 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton 60187

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com/page.asp?p=1&i=6>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

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Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for new building and renovations

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

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Item 149

Page Number: 680

Article: 11

Section: 510

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Prestbury Citizens Association for all costs associated with environmental remediation of three lakes in Prestbury Community.

Grant recipient: Prestbury Citizens Association

Address or Location: PO Box 2022, Aurora 60507

Type of organization: Private residential community

Grant recipient website: <http://www.prestbury.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

http://www.prestbury.org/prestbury/sites/default/files/rulesregs_2005.pdf

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

From page 6, "Enforcement of Rules and Regulations"

"Prestbury is a private community composed of residents who share a neighborhood and its amenities."

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private community for lake remediation.

Why grant is unconstitutional: The three lakes are not open to the public.

State constitutional provision violated:

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 150

Page Number: 690

Article: 11

Section: 545

Text: The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale for all costs associated with building infrastructure.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale

Address or Location: 250 N. Springer, PO Box 3092, Carbondale 62901

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://bgc-cdale.org/local/local/local.php?sectionid=1>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/howeare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America believes that character development, the basic building block in personal development, should be an integral aspect of every Club program and activity. In support of this conviction, Aaron Fahringer, a regional director for the west coast in the 1950s, scripted the Boys & Girls Club Code as part of the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Movement. The code was adopted as official by the National Council in 1955.

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Emphasis added by Sherman so you can quickly find what the relevant issue is.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for “infrastructure.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 151

Page Number: 722

Article: 12

Section: 13

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Patrick's Residence for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, security, improvements.

Grant recipient: St. Patrick's Residence

Address or Location: 1400 Brookdale Road, Naperville 60563

Type of organization: Sectarian nursing home and religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpatricksresidence.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.stpatricksresidence.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=43&Itemid=30

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Our Mission:

“The Mission of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm is not only to staff and operate up-to-date homes for the aged, but to bring Christ to every elderly person in our care.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

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Item 152

Page Number: 734

Article: 12

Section: 60

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Holy Family School for all costs associated with the infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: Holy Family Catholic School

Address or Location: 2400 S. Franklin St. Rd. (sic), Decatur 62521

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.hfcschool.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.hfcschool.org/webadmin/frjoe.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“And let us not forget to welcome the Lord Jesus to our school. He is THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESENCE AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL! May He feel welcomed. May He be seen through all at our school. May He flourish here each day.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 153

Page Number: 734

Article: 12

Section: 61

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Our Lady of Lourdes School for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Address or Location: 3950 Lourdes Drive, Decatur 62526

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://ololschool.com>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://ololschool.com/main.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Our Lady of Lourdes couples Catholic doctrine with high academic standards to instill a sense of responsibility, respect and discipline, thus establishing in each student a strong Catholic attitude of self and service to others.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 154

Page Number: 734

Article: 12

Section: 62

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Lutheran School Association for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: Lutheran School Association

Address or Location: 2001 E. Mound Road, Decatur 62526

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.lsadecatur.net>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.lsadecatur.net/missionstatement.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission Statement:

“The Lutheran School Association delivers excellence in Christ-centered education to meet the spiritual, academic, and social needs of its students.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

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Item 155

Page Number: 735

Article: 12

Section: 63

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Decatur Christian School for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: Decatur Christian School

Address or Location: 137 S. Grant, Forsyth 62535

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.decaturchristian.net>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Home page

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Decatur Christian School was established in 1973 and now provides Pre-K 3 through High School students with a quality academic education integrated with a Christian view of God and the world. Our staff is professional and oriented to serve families by teaching and modeling a Christ-centered life that glorifies Jesus Christ.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

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Item 156

Page Number: 737

Article: 12

Section: 71

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Theresa (sic) High School for all costs associated with construction.

Grant recipient: St. Teresa Catholic High School

Address or Location: 2710 N. Water, Decatur 62526

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.st-teresahs.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.st-teresahs.org/leaders.asp>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Campus Ministry is seen as an integrated expression of Christianity growing out of the Theology Department and operated on the firm foundation of doctrine and tradition taught in the Theology classrooms. Four components are essential to the faith life of St. Teresa High School: Curriculum, Worship, Retreats, and Christian Service.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for “construction.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 157

Page Number: 759

Article: 12

Section: 160

Text: The sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Springfield

Address or Location: 300 S. 15th, Springfield 62703

Type of organization: Social welfare that advocates a particular religious belief.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.bgsil.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: Boys and Girls Clubs of America “Who We Are” page
<http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/history.asp>

Relevant quote from Grant recipient web page:

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Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for infrastructure.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Group seeks to advocate a religious belief with public funds

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent.

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 158

Page Number: 760

Article: 12

Section: 163

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to G.R.O.W.T.H International for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: G.R.O.W.T.H International

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: Unknown

Purpose of grant: Infrastructure improvements.

Why grant is challenged: Unable to find any information about the Grantee, if it is secular and whether or not its programs are non-discriminatory and secular. Challenge will be dropped if grant is demonstrated to be constitutionally permissible.

Item 159

Page Number: 761

Article: 12

Section: 166

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Kumler Outreach Ministries for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Kumler United Methodist Church Outreach Ministries

Address or Location: 600 N 5th, Springfield 62702

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: None found

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://westwoodforuminc.com/Documents/Kumler%20Thank%20you%20letter.pdf>

Quote from relevant web page:

“For more than thirty years, Kumler UMC Outreach Ministries has been the hands and feet of Christ in our area.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

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Item 160

Page Number: 762

Article: 12

Section: 171

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Free Mason Central Lodge #3 for all costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Free and Accepted Masons of Springfield

Address or Location: 2866 Via Verde, Springfield 62703

Type of organization: Discriminatory private club

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ilmason.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.ilmason.org/reqs.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page: "Membership requirements:

"Membership is open to *men* of every race, religion, culture, and income level. The basic requirements for membership are as follows:

Be age 18 or older

Have resided in Illinois resident for at least six months (unless specially waived)

Be able to read and write English

Be of good moral and social character; and

Believe in a Supreme Deity (necessary to take certain oaths, otherwise no obligation would be binding upon you).

Emphasis added by Sherman.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a discriminatory private club (No women or atheists allowed) for capital improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": No person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions.

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 161

Page Number: 763

Article: 12

Section: 175

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Twin Lakes Homeowners Association for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Twin Lakes Homeowners Association

Address or Location: PO Box 8133, Springfield 62791

Type of organization: Private residential community

Grant recipient website: <http://www.tlha.net>

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private residential community for “infrastructure improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: Twin Lakes is private property not open to the public.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Item 162

Page Number: 772

Article: 12

Section: 206

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to North Central College for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: North Central College

Address or Location: 30 N. Brainard, Naperville 60540

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://northcentralcollege.edu>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://northcentralcollege.edu/x18670.xml>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“A comprehensive liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for infrastructure.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 163

Page Number: 772

Article: 12

Section: 207

Text: The amount of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Benedictine University for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements.

Grant recipient: Benedictine University

Address or Location: 5700 College Road, Lisle 60532

Type of organization: Parochial school

Grant recipient website: <http://www.ben.edu>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.ben.edu/programs/centers_institutes/cmi

Quote from Grant recipient web page: “The role of the Benedictine Center for Mission and Identity is to promote and operationalize Benedictine characteristics and values in all facets of campus life while embracing the Catholic context from which they were derived.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for infrastructure.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It’s a parochial school.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”

Provision: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose.”

Item 164

Page Number: 774

Article: 12

Section: 213

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Patrick's Residence for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and security improvements and flooring improvements.

Grant recipient: St. Patrick's Residence

Address or Location: 1400 Brookdale Road, Naperville 60563

Type of organization: Sectarian nursing home and religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.stpatricksresidence.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.stpatricksresidence.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=43&Itemid=30

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Our Mission:

“The Mission of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm is not only to staff and operate up-to-date homes for the aged, but to bring Christ to every elderly person in our care.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for “infrastructure, public safety and security.”

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 165

Page Number: 778

Article: 12

Section: 231

Text: The amount of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Oblong Children's Christian Home for all costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Oblong Children's Christian Home

Address or Location: 4094 E. 1050th Avenue, Oblong 62449

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.oblongchristianhome.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.oblongchristianhome.org/id6.html>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission Statement: Oblong Children's Christian Home's Mission is to glorify God by discipling (sic) neglected and troubled children and their families. The home provides a Christian family (sic) model that demonstrates God's unconditional love, teaches God's truth and encourages each child's unique abilities.

“Measure of Success: In the last seven years twenty two teens have accepted Christ. “

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious ministry for “capital improvements.”

Why grant is unconstitutional:

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 166

Page Number: 832

Article: 12

Section: 438

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Inc. for all costs associated with a program and administration building.

Grant recipient: Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Inc.

Physical Address: 1800 Seventh Ave., Rockford 61104

Mailing Address: PO Box 4085, Rockford 61110

Type of organization: Private club that discriminates on basis of religion and sexual orientation in both membership and hiring.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.blackhawkscouting.org>

Purpose of grant: Donation to discriminatory private club (“No atheists or gays allowed”) for a program and administration building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Boy Scouts bars atheists and gays from membership.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever be guaranteed, and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”:

“Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Additional comments: It is not a public purpose to use public funds to subsidize a discriminatory program. Sherman’s son’s membership in Cub Scouts was cancelled in or about 1988 on account of Boy Scouts’ “No atheists allowed” policy. Sherman’s son was also refused enrollment in the Buffalo Grove Police Department Explorer Post in 1997 for the same reason. Here, Boy Scouts wants Sherman to pay additional taxes to subsidize programs that Sherman’s son was barred from participating in on account of religion. Additionally, in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 US 640 (2000), the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Boy Scouts may discriminate against gays and atheists because Boy Scouts have a First Amendment right to advocate a particular religious perspective. However, it is not a public purpose (constitutionally impermissible) to use public funds to advocate a particular religious perspective.

Item 167

Page Number: 833

Article: 12

Section: 441

Text: The amount of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Candlewick Lake Association, Inc. for all costs associated with capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Candlewick Lake Association, Inc.

Address or Location: 13400 Highway 76, Poplar Grove 61065

Type of organization: Private gated community

Grant recipient website: <http://www.candlewick-lake.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.candlewick-lake.org/sub_category_list.asp?category=47&title=ABOUT+US

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Candlewick Lake is a Gated Homeowners Association Community.

We have now evolved into a working recreational community which is home to a vastly diverse population who enjoy the private community atmosphere.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private community for capital improvements.

Why grant is unconstitutional: The community is not open to the public.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 168

Page Number: 859

Article: 12

Section: 533

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream for all costs associated with infrastructure, public safety, and safety improvements.

Grant recipient: Outreach Community Ministries

Address or Location: 345 S. President, Carol Stream 60188

Type of organization: Religious ministry

Grant recipient website: <http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com/page.asp?p=2&i=9>

Grant recipient relevant web page:

<http://www.outreachcommunityministries.com/page.asp?p=1&i=6>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Mission and history: OCM and its partner churches are dedicated to putting this mission into action by providing a full range of charitable, educational, religious and community development activities. These activities help people and the communities they live in realize their God-given potential as uniquely gifted individuals, in their family and community relationships, and in the relationship that they can have with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a religious ministry for infrastructure.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a religious ministry.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship."

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. "

Item 169

Page Number: 912

Article: 10

Section: 744

Text: The amount of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to La Voz Latina for all costs associated with classroom improvements and the purchase and installation of a fire sprinkler system..

Grant recipient: La Voz Latina, Inc.

Address or Location: 412 Market, Rockford 61107

Type of organization: Hispanic newspaper

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Donation to a private newspaper for classroom improvements and fire sprinklers.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a newspaper. Citizens cannot be forced to pay for promoting the editorial views of selected news publishers. The government cannot decide which newspaper publishers get supported by tax dollars. Otherwise, taxpayers will be forced to support pro-government publishers and anti-government newspapers wouldn't get any. Newspapers would lose their objectivity and support the government for the purpose of get a payoff of tax dollars. The government could then be able to use tax dollars to buy positive coverage.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Freedom of speech.

State constitutional provision violated: Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Item 170

Page Number: 913

Article: 12

Section: 746

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Blackhawk Area Council Boy Scouts of America for all costs associated with the construction and capital improvements of the program and administration building.

Grant recipient: Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Inc.

Physical Address: 1800 Seventh Ave., Rockford 61104

Mailing Address: PO Box 4085, Rockford 61110

Type of organization: Private club that discriminates on basis of religion and sexual orientation in both membership and hiring.

Grant recipient website: <http://www.blackhawkscouting.org>

Purpose of grant: Donation to discriminatory private club (“No atheists or gays allowed”) for a program and administration building.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Boy Scouts bars atheists and gays from membership.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever be guaranteed, and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”:

“Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Additional comments: It is not a public purpose to use public funds to subsidize a discriminatory program. Sherman’s son’s membership in Cub Scouts was cancelled in or about 1988 on account of Boy Scouts’ “No atheists allowed” policy. Sherman’s son was also refused enrollment in the Buffalo Grove Police Department Explorer Post in 1997 for the same reason. Here, Boy Scouts wants Sherman to pay additional taxes to subsidize programs that Sherman’s son was barred from participating in on account of religion. Additionally, in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 US 640 (2000), the Supreme Court of the United States held that the Boy Scouts may discriminate against gays and atheists because Boy Scouts have a First Amendment right to advocate a particular religious perspective. However, it is not a public purpose (constitutionally impermissible) to use public funds to advocate a particular religious perspective.

Item 171

Page Number: 951

Article: 12

Section: 887

Text: The amount of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for capital improvements to and (sic) education center.

Grant recipient: Jewish United Fund / Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Address or Location: 30 S. Wells, Chicago 60606

Type of organization: Sectarian welfare agency that targets aid to members of particular religion

Grant recipient website: <http://www.juf.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: http://www.juf.org/about_juf/default.aspx (About JUF)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

“Mission: JUF provides critical resources ... to ... two million Jews around the world.”

“Services: JUF supports local Jewish educational institutions, helping to provide a vibrant Jewish education to the next generation.”

Purpose of grant: Donation to religious organization for capital improvements to a parochial school.

Why grant is unconstitutional: Organizations targets aid on the basis of religion.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I “Bill of Rights,” Section 3 “Religious Freedom”: “No person shall be required to ... support any ... ministry against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.”

Article VIII “Finance,” Section 1 “General Provisions”: “Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.”

Article X “Education,” Section 3 “Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden”: “Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything in aid of any ... sectarian purpose, or to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State ... for any sectarian purpose. ”

Item 172

Page Number: 962

Article: 12

Section: 931

Text: The amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the Village of Tamaroa for all costs associated with capital improvements to a high school.

Grant recipient: Village of Tamaroa

Address or Location: Village Hall, Tamaroa 62888

Type of organization: Municipal corporation

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Unspecified capital improvements to an unspecified high school.

Why grant is challenged: Grant is constitutional only if the high school involved is public.
Challenge will be dropped if the school involved is a public high school.

Item 173

Page Number: 971

Article: 12

Section: 967

Text: The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to St. Mary's (sic) Immaculate Parish for all costs associated with roof repairs.

Grant recipient: St. Mary Immaculate Parish

Address or Location: 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield 60544

Type of organization: Church

Grant recipient website: <http://www.smip.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: [http://smip.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view
&id=1790&Itemid=54](http://smip.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1790&Itemid=54)

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

Raise the Roof Progress Report:

Roof work continues on the Church and the flat roof.

Shingle panels purchased - 722 panels

Panel Donors - 467 22% of our worshiping population

2nd Collection-Blue Bucket Contributions \$12,277 (3 weeks)

Total Dollars Raised - \$193,327, 38.7% of our \$500,000 goal

Roof work is nearly done and is being paid for.

The names of contributors who purchased roof panels will be included in a permanent memorial that will be on display in the building.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED "RAISE THE ROOF!"

Purpose of grant: Donation to a church for roof repairs.

Questions from Rob Sherman: Will the name of the State of Illinois or the Taxpayers of the State of Illinois be included in the permanent memorial for our generous contribution? Will the name of the legislator who sponsored this line item be put on display? Will there be a special place in heaven for the legislator who sponsored this line item?

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a church.

Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment

Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated:

Article I "Bill of Rights," Section 3 "Religious Freedom": "No person shall be required to ... support any ... place of worship against his consent, nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination"

Article VIII "Finance," Section 1 "General Provisions": "Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes."

Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden": "... [N]or shall any grant ... of money ... ever be made by the State ... to any church ..."

Page Number: 977

Article: 12

Section: 986b

Text: The amount of \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to the KESHET (sic) for all costs associated with the purchase of bondable equipment and infrastructure improvements.

Grant recipient: Keshet

Address or Location: 617 Landwehr Road, Northbrook 60062

Type of organization: Parochial school for developmentally disabled Jewish persons

Grant recipient website: <http://www.keshet.org>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.keshetinfo.org/sundayschool.asp>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

(Note from Sherman: Sunday School is one of several parochial school programs that Keshet conducts. Sunday School is not the only Keshet parochial school program.)

Keshet Sunday School

The Sunday School is the spiritual center of Keshet and is open to anyone from the age of three through adulthood. Art projects, stories, cooking, and song help students of all ages experience the rich customs, flavors, and sounds of Jewish life. With the help of Keshet's professional staff and over a hundred selfless and highly motivated volunteers from local high schools, this weekly program is typical of our commitment to involve Keshet participants in the Jewish community.

The Sunday School curriculum covers Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, customs and practices. The Keshet Sunday School provides a Judaic curriculum adapted so each student can understand and participate. Advanced curriculum includes instruction in Hebrew language and reading, Jewish history and philosophy, and the weekly Torah portion. Sunday School classes are staffed by certified special educators and an active volunteer program provides for a staff-to-student ratio of 1:1. This enables all students to participate in Sunday School activities to the best of their abilities. Every Sunday School session ends with a joyful and moving celebration of song.

Keshet's Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutoring program gives children and their families - who would otherwise may never have this opportunity - the personal triumph of celebrating this special ceremony. Keshet staff work closely with the family's congregation to facilitate a meaningful ceremony filled with pride and accomplishment.

Purpose of grant: Donation to a parochial school for unspecified infrastructure and equipment.

Why grant is unconstitutional: It's a parochial school.

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Federal constitution provision violated: First Amendment
Provision: Establishment of religion

State constitutional provision violated: Article X "Education," Section 3 "Public Funds for Sectarian Purposes Forbidden"

Provision: "Neither the General Assembly nor any ... other public corporation, shall ever make any appropriation or pay from any public fund whatever, anything ... to help support or sustain any school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other literary or scientific institution, controlled by any church or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant ... of ... money ... ever be made by the State, or any such public corporation ... for any sectarian purpose."

Additional comment: Even developmentally disabled persons are constitutionally entitled to a secular publicly funded education. They shouldn't have to be subjected to religious indoctrination as a condition for receiving the publicly funded education to which they are entitled. If parents choose to send their developmentally disabled children or adults to a sectarian program, they have a right to do that, but they must pay for it, themselves, just as parents of able-bodied children and adults do.

Item 175

Page Number: 978

Article: 12

Section: 990a

Text: The amount of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Family Friendly Community Development Corp. for all costs associated a (sic) land purchase and other capital improvements.

Grant recipient: Family Friendly Community Development Corp.

Address or Location: Unknown

Type of organization: Unknown

Grant recipient website: None found

Purpose of grant: Land purchase and capital improvements.

Why grant is challenged: Unable to find any information about grantee to determine if grant is constitutionally permissible.

Item 176

Page Number: 990

Article: 15

Section: 5

Text: The amount of \$2,230,000,000, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the Governor to be expended, in the discretion of and as determined by the Governor and upon written direction of the Governor to the Comptroller, for the costs (including operational expenses, awards, grants, and permanent improvements) of community-based human services providers and agencies that are associated with programs and other services that provide assistance for those in need.

Grant recipient: Office of the Governor

Address or Location: 207 Statehouse, Springfield 62706

Type of organization: State constitutional officer

Grant recipient website: <http://www.illinois.gov/gov>

Grant recipient relevant web page: <http://www.illinois.gov/gov/aboutouroffice.htm>

Quote from Grant recipient web page:

The Office of the Governor

The Illinois Constitution, Article V, Section 8, states that "The Governor shall have the supreme executive power, and shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws." The purpose of the Office is to ensure proper execution of the laws in Illinois.

Purpose of grant: To make grants, etc., to human services providers, etc., that provide assistance for those in need.

Why grant is challenged: There is no requirement in this Line Item that limits grants, etc., to secular, non-discriminatory, public programs. Governor Quinn's refusal to veto a single one of the numerous blatantly unconstitutional Line Items in the Bill that became Public 96-39, despite being asked personally to do so by Rob Sherman, demonstrates the need for court supervision to ensure that disbursements are made solely for constitutionally permissible purposes, and to ensure that Governor Quinn (or any of his successors) does not use grants from this Line Item to replace grants from other Line Items of Public Act 96-39 that are voided for being found to be unconstitutional.