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2009	Program \$10,000	Developing a "Sound" Theater Program	Doreen Cohn, Director, AHS Theater	All ages	Theater	Fund the purchase of sound equipment, including 12 wireless microphones, to enhance dramatic productions, augment technical theater instruction and complement the renovation of the stage area in the auditorium. Recurring production costs will be reduced enabling the theater program to use its proceeds from ticket sales to expand theater opportunities for students. <i>"Pavers for Posterity" Grant</i>
2006	Mini \$1,458	Playgrounds for All Kids	Caryl Goldberg, RBS, & Playgrounds for All Kids Committee	Children	Diversity	Purchase Braille and sign language educational panels for a fully accessible playground planned for the Buckingham neighborhood.
2004	Mini \$1,000	Reading Success through Early Intervention	Barbara Daly- Byrnes & Jodi Kryzanski, PGS	Grade K	Reading	Materials to extend existing program to enhance the development of sight vocabulary. <i>Lublin Family Mini Grant</i>
2006	Mini \$1,220	Here They Come! The Creative Author Process	Karen McNulty, AFPL	Grade K - 3	Reading, Writing, Illustration	Bring children's book author David Costello to explain the book writing and illustration process to young readers. <i>Avon United Way Mini Grant</i>
2009	Program \$4,630	"Unplugged Learning" Project	Larry Sparks, Assistant Principal, RBS	Grades K-4 and the community	Natural Science	Build an amphitheater stage and seating, develop a nature trail and remove invasive poison ivy (including ADA accessibility compliance). The space, designed by the Unplugged Learning Project team, will be used for "place-based education." That is, hands-on, experiential learning and exploration within immediate natural surroundings.
2005	Mini \$1,000	Children's Author Visitation	Carol Randolph & Karen McNulty, AFPL	Grade K - 4	Reading	Bring a children's author to visit the library during National Children's Book Week. <i>Avon Junior Women's Club Mini Grant</i>

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2007	Program \$10,000	Chidsey Brook Nature Trail	Gail Dahling-Hench, PGS	Grade K – 6 & entire community	Science & Nature	Create a fun and educational outdoor classroom where the community can explore, learn and develop a relationship with each other and nature.
2009	Program \$10,000	Hartford Stage Arts and Literacy Connections	Mike DeRitis, TBS with grade level team leads at TBS and RBS	Grades K – 6	Reading	The Connections Program is being expanded after last year's well-received 4th grade pilot program at RBS funded by an AEF Mini Grant. Over the course of five days, visiting artists in each classroom explore a grade-appropriate core-curriculum book. Designed to enhance reading comprehension skills and to instill a love of reading, students are engaged in a literary text through the use of dramatic techniques. <i>Duffy Family Grant</i> (Additional funding from the PTOs and in-school field trip fees.)
2007	Program \$7,500	Fitness for the Future	Tim Feshler, RBS	Grades K – 10	Physical Education	Apply technology to physical education so students can track fitness levels and progress and enable educators to evolve curriculum to meet needs. <i>Leo & Jean Duffy Memorial Grant</i>
2008	Mini \$1,500	Leaping into Learning	Lisa Fenn with Laura McDonnell & Erin Dorsey, 1 st Grade Teachers, PGS & RBS	Grade 1	Science	A 4-week lesson in scientific inquiry that investigates the frog life cycle filling a void in the science curriculum. Promotes cooperation between the elementary schools through its web blog of frog progress and "Swap and Hop Day," when all first graders in the district will gather to share results and participate in the liberation of their former tadpoles. <i>Avon Junior Women's Club Mini Grant</i>

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2008	Mini \$692	Fluency in Motion	Laura McDonnell, RBS	Grade 1	Reading	This project seeks to encourage first grade reading fluency through use of leveled Reader's Theatre books. A baseline fluency assessment of each student will be made. Follow-up assessments will be made, with concentration on struggling readers, to track progress and differentiate instruction. Additions to the reading library are expected to be sustained by PTO funds. <i>Anonymous Mini Grant in honor of Larry Sparks, Assistant Principal, RBS</i>
2004	Mini \$1,000	Literacy-Based Phonic Enrichment	Kerry Lurate & 1 st Grade Teachers, RBS	Grade 1	Reading	Books to enrich the current phonics program with authentic children's literature
2004	Mini \$925	Multicultural Instruments	Paul Johnson, RBS	Grade 1 – 4	General Music, Geography	Acquire multicultural music instruments to implement study units devoted to world music. Grade level teachers will receive cultural support for geography units on other countries. <i>Avon Junior Women's Club Mini Grant</i>
2009	Program TBD	"A is for Avon"	Jan Brennan, AMS	Grade 2, 7 and Avon community	Civic History, Writing, Editing & Publishing	Her 1979 alphabet book, <u>A is for Avon</u> , highlights points of historical interest in the town. It is being updated by 25 volunteer 7th graders and will continue to be used in the 2nd grade civic history unit. Copies will be available in the 5 public school libraries and the Avon Free Public Library. The Avon Historical Society will be involved in its distribution and promotion. <i>UNICO Grant</i>

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2005	Mini \$1,000	China: Through the Eyes of a Child	Nancy Usich & Michele Lemis, RBS	Grade 2	History, Geography	Make the history and culture of Chinese Americans come alive through a multi-disciplinary approach. Students explore Chinese legends, folktales, customs, food, music and origami, interact with guest speakers and Chinese dance performers, and participate in a school-wide Lion Dance parade <i>Avon United Fund Mini Grant</i>
2005	Mini \$1,000	Music and the Underground Railroad	Nancy Usich, RBS	Grade 2	History, Multi-Disciplinary	Explore the history and culture of the Underground Railroad through music as a communication tool. A resident artist and musician visits classrooms and students keep slave journals and make "quilts" all culminating in a performance to parents and the community. <i>Avon Junior Women's Club Mini Grant.</i>
2009	Mini \$953	Graphic Novels: A Novel Approach to Reading Instruction	Christopher Grgach and Jonathan Moss, PGS	Grade 3	Reading	"Graphic novels" use drawings to enhance the story. They have been found to be very effective in encouraging boys to read. Funds will purchase texts leveled on the Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading rating system to benefit different types of learners.
2005	Mini \$1,000	SMART Board for Smart Teaching	Jonathan Moss, PGS	Grade 3	Multi-disciplinary	Acquire a SMART board, an interactive white board, to allow teachers and students to interact with computers in exciting new ways. <i>Rouff Family Mini Grant</i>
2005	Mini \$1,100	The RBS <i>Current</i>	Alexis Pariano, RBS	Grade 3 & 4	Writing, Journalism	Software to enable students to develop a student-run newspaper. Avon High School students mentor and advise elementary students on the editing and publishing process. <i>Shopis Family Mini Grant.</i>

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2007	Mini \$1,500	Connections Literacy Program	Wendy Zacchera, RBS	Grade 4	Reading	In-school residency program by the Hartford Stage designed to enhance reading comprehension skills and to instill a love of reading by engaging students in a literary text through the use of dramatic techniques. A master teaching artist will lead literacy and drama activities based on <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry
2006	Program \$6,000	Town-wide Choral Festival 2006	Avon Public Schools Music Department	Grade 4 - 12	Choral Music	Support the participation of over 500 students in the Choral Festival held at Bushnell Auditorium on March 13, 2006.
2007	Mini \$1,500	Dallas Brass Performs in Avon	David Winer, AHS	Grade 5 – 12	Band Music	One day workshop, rehearsal and performance for the entire community provided by the Dallas Brass, brass quintet plus percussion. <i>Avon Chapter of UNICO Mini Grant</i>
2006	Program \$3,600	Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) Lab	Carl Sauerbrunn, TBS	Grade 5 & 6	General Music	Complete the MIDI Lab so that every student has the opportunity to compose, notate and record original musical works on the computer. The technology also enables new ways to integrate music with social studies, language arts and science projects.
2006	Mini \$1,500	Regarding the Book	Ardith Franklin Judy DeVito, TBS	Grade 5 & 6	Reading, Writing	A reading and writing program presented by Nutmeg winning author and journalist Kate Klise. <i>Farmington Savings Bank Mini Grant</i>
2005	Mini \$1,100	Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) Lab	Carl Sauerbrunn, TBS	Grade 5 & 6	General Music	Create a pilot MIDI Lab to allow students to compose, notate and record original musical works on the computer. <i>Avon United Fund Mini Grant</i>
2005	Mini AMS \$995 and TBS \$995	Connecting to a World of Learning Using Streaming Digital Videos	Kelley Lanahan, AMS, & Doreen Cohn, TBS	Grade 5 - 8	Multi-disciplinary	Provide teachers and students a new and powerful learning tool – real-time video through United Streaming--to change student-teacher interaction in ways that facilitate student achievement. <i>Dos Santos Family Mini Grants</i>

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2007	Mini \$1,000	WAVN TBS Podcasting	Mary Ramondetta, TBS	Grade 6	Language Arts and Social Studies	Pilot the use of personal audio technology to create podcasts that can be published to the internet and used by others. <i>Farmington Savings Bank Mini Grant</i>
2009	Program TBD	"A is for Avon"	Jan Brennan, AMS	Grade 2, 7 and Avon community	Civic History, Writing, Editing & Publishing	Her 1979 alphabet book, <u>A is for Avon</u> , highlights points of historical interest in the town. It is being updated by 25 volunteer 7th graders and will continue to be used in the 2nd grade civic history unit. Copies will be available in the 5 public school libraries and the Avon Free Public Library. The Avon Historical Society will be involved in its distribution and promotion. <i>UNICO Grant</i>
2009	Program \$3,500	Promoting Peace	Tina Panik and Patrice Celli, AFPL	Grade 7 – Adult	Humanitarianism	This program will host authors Alepho Deng, Benson Deng and Benjamin Ajak, three "Lost Boys" whose autobiography, <u>They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky</u> , recounts their survival of the ongoing genocide in Darfur. The high school, middle school and Senior Center are collaborating. Middle schoolers will read a less graphic companion book. The event is scheduled for October 2009.
2006	Mini \$1,000	Susan B. Anthony: The Invincible!	Tina Panik, AFPL	Grade 7 - Adult	Women's History	Actress Sally Matson portrays Susan B. Anthony in a one woman play during Women's History Month in March 2007.
2006	Program \$10,000	Research in Real Time	Kelley Lanahan & Math and Science Depts., AMS	Grade 7 & 8	Math, Science	Establish a mobile research laboratory using laptop computers with scientific probeware and graphing calculators to enhance math and science outcomes. (Funding also provided by the AMS PTO)

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2006	Mini \$1,500	"Disney's Beauty and the Beast"	Thomas Kawiecki, Avon Summer Theater	Grade 7 & 8	Music, Theater	Costume rental to aid student actors dramatically in interpret their roles which require them to imbue inanimate objects (e.g., candlestick) with human characteristics.
2004	Mini 1,000	Digital Video Editing	Patrick Mulligan, AMS	Grade 7 & 8	Multi-Media	Create a television editing studio incorporating multi-disciplinary connections for multi media projects. <i>Silverman Family Mini Grant in memory of Kenneth Sargent</i>
2004	Mini \$934	Salmon Egg Rearing	Christopher Jones, AMS	Grade 8	Science, Ecology	Raise salmon in the classroom for release into local waterways while teaching the fragility of the ecosystem. Corresponds to the 8th grade Ecology Unit and offers a community benefit through environmental stewardship. <i>Farmington Savings Bank Mini Grant</i>
2005	Mini \$1,000	KidWind	Christopher Jones, AMS	Grade 8	Science, Ecology	Experiment with the variables affecting wind turbine electrical generators to explore current energy issues using hands-on scientific methodology. <i>Lounge Lizards Mini Grant (The Lounge Lizards are the AMS faculty band.)</i>
2009	Mini \$1,500	EBooks for the Twenty-First Century	Julia Cowans-Wilhelm, AHS	Grades 9 – 12	Non-Fiction & Reference	The 222 titles Gale EBook collection will be acquired (print value \$92,000) and available on-line to all students and staff at the high school. This will help close the gap in the current collection noted in the last NEASC review. Books will support the Freshman ISearch, Sophomore Civic Virtue and Senior Mastery projects required of all students.
2009	Program \$2,035	Digital Visualizers and Writing	Sharon Wendler, AHS	Grade 9 - 12	Writing	Pilot the use of digital visualizers for writing instruction. Also known as a document camera, the device can project images from bulky 3-D texts in real time or store them for later use, such as posting to a web site.

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2008	Program \$10,000	Mobile Language Lab	Peter Sullivan with Claudine Rose, AHS	Grades 9 – 12	World Language	No stationary language lab exists for world language students to practice their target language speaking and acquisition skills. A mobile lab equipped with 80GB video iPods will meet the need for approximately 10% of the cost of a stationary lab.
2008	Program \$6,048	It's Time to Learn... Pass the Remote!	Michael Marella with Janet Loynes, Mark Burgess, Scott Percival and Scott Tinker, AHS	Grades 9 – 12	Science	An innovative technology to increase student participation and inquiry will be piloted. Four AHS classrooms will be outfitted with Technology-Enhanced Formative Assessment (TEFA) using a classroom response system (CRE). Immediate feedback on learning gaps is available to students and teachers.
2007	Program \$3,770	Leadership for Life	Lou Pelligrino, AHS	Grade 9 – 12	Life Skills	Leadership training provided by education, business and community leaders through workshops and seminars. <i>Citibank Grant</i>
2005	Mini \$1,000	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words	Michael Marella, AHS	Grade 9 - 12	Earth Science, Multi-Media	Integrate visual images into earth science activities using digital cameras in order to identify earth science processes at work in the environment to increase motivation, comprehension and depth of analysis.
2005	Mini \$1,000	VRoma (Virtual Rome in the Classroom)	Peter O'Sullivan, AHS	Grade 9 - 12	Latin, History	Support the VRoma project to teach and learn Latin and Roman culture through workshops and presentations that engage participants in a virtual community by using internet technology.
2004	Mini \$1,000	Developing Student Voices	Julia Cowans- Wilhelm, AHS	Grade 9 - 12	Writing	Interactive SMART Board enabling students to develop group writing assignments and have their voices heard in real time. This is a new method of instruction to improve critical thinking. <i>Giles Family Mini Grant</i>

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2004	Mini \$1,000	FIRST Robotics Team	James Ligotti, Ken Kasner, Paul Satarsiero & Ross Loeb, AHS	Grade 9 - 12	Science, Engineering, Technology	Purchase materials to design and build reusable packaging to transport and store the team's robot. Students participated in Atlanta's National Robotics Competition at which their newly designed packaging equipment transformed into a mobile computer work station.
2007	Mini \$1,500	Plant Mobile	Scott Percival and Natalie Carlone, AHS	Grade 10	Biology and Special Education	Integrate students for learning including the development of vocational skills. Ongoing costs to be covered by sales of plants and herbs from the plant mobile.
2007	Mini \$1,430	LEGO®s—Not Just for Playtime Anymore	Janet Loynes, AHS	Grade 10	Biology	Students will build models of DNA using LEGO® components and LEGO® genes will be used to build fish and demonstrate how genes affect characteristics of offspring.

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