

Curry Stone Design prize

The Curry Stone Design Prize is awarded each year to honor innovative projects that use design to address pressing social justice issues.



Project author or developer:
Curry Stone Foundation

Where:
US / Stati Uniti / Bend, OR

Website:
currystonedesignprize.com/

Supported by the Curry Stone Foundation, the Prize highlights and rewards projects that improve daily living conditions of people in communities around the world. Projects may provide shelter and clean water or address humanitarian crises impacted by environmental or climate change. The Prize acknowledges work that is considered emerging in the professional and public consciousness. The number of winners varies each year as does the amount of the financial award. A typical single winner is awarded US\$100,000. There are no restrictions on the use of the grant. The winning projects emerge from a wide pool of nominations, which are selected by a rotating team of approximately 200 contemporary design leaders from across the world. Selection is via a jury process, with the jury composed of Foundation members and invited international experts. Unsolicited proposals are not accepted. CURRY STONE FOUNDATION Clifford Curry and Delight Stone are the founders of the Curry Stone Foundation, a registered US 501(c)3 non-profit corporation in the state of Oregon. Taryn Turner is the Director of the Foundation. The majority of the foundational support goes to individuals who are already engaged in tangible, innovative projects to build healthy communities. Qigong Sensory Training combines Western medicine with Chinese massage therapy in efforts to lessen the sensory challenges for children with autism. Earth Activist Training brings the knowledge and resources of permaculture, a form of regenerative ecological design, to those with greatest needs and fewest resources. The group's projects include: organizing visual exhibitions and public training in permaculture, developing processes to bio-remediate contaminated soil, and growing an alumni community of people interested in permaculture. The Mozambique Well Project addresses the lack of access to clean water in rural communities across Mozambique by drilling water wells. According to the United Nations, an estimated 57 percent of the rural population of Mozambique does not have access to potable water, a public health crisis that contributes to the country's high child mortality rate. Means of Exchange seeks to harness and build emerging technologies to democratize opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, to rebuild local communities and to promote a return to local resource use. Alliance of Community Trainers The Curry Stone Foundation has supported Lisa Fithian, one of the founders of Alliance for Community Trainers, in the creation of a book and website. These both inform on practical skills when organizing for social change. Open Architecture Collaborative (formerly the Architecture for Humanity Chapter Network) is a global community of like-minded designers who address some of the most urgent issues that their communities are facing. Their work begins with the belief that every community should have a voice in the design of their built environment. Chautauqua Poets & Writers (CP&W), run by a volunteer board, brings the country's most respected authors to Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley, a region far removed from the metropolitan areas of Portland and San Francisco. CP&W selects writers who can interact with people of all ages in different settings, and whose messages are accessible, insightful, and thought provoking. Myna Mahila Myna creates a network of young female entrepreneurs in urban slums who run a company that gives them voice by empowering them to talk about the things they are most afraid to discuss aloud. Blue Star Integrative Studio Curry Stone Foundation Grantee Blue Star

