

**Bread and Roses Cultural Project, Inc.**

(New York, NY)

*unseenamerica*

**Total Award: \$25,000 over 6 months**

***Presidential Authority Grant***

To support *unseenamerica*, an exhibit of personal photographs and stories by workers who are largely unseen in society. *unseenamerica* provides cameras and classes with professional photographers and writers for individuals in our society who are not visible, teaching them how to depict their lives and tell their stories. This exhibit is a compilation from many of these classes. Bread and Roses was founded as the not-for-profit cultural arm of 1199, the New York City branch of SEIU National Health and Human Services Union. Its core constituency is predominately comprised of Latina and African American women members who are employed in all job categories in health care institutions throughout the metropolitan area, New Jersey and Florida. Created in 2000 *unseenamerica* transforms ordinary working people into writers and artists.

**Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1***