

Bread and Roses Cultural Project, Inc.

(New York, NY)

unseenamerica

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To support *unseenamerica*, an arts and social justice program that provides photography and writing classes for low wage workers and exhibits these photographs and essays throughout the country. Bread and Roses is continuing its expansion of *unseenamerica*. The project consists of 10-12 week workshops in which participants work with professional writers and photographers, gaining the tools to tell their stories through images and words. Though the average size of a workshop is 20 participants, the demand far exceeds the organizations current capacity. Each workshop culminates in a professionally mounted exhibit with photographs accompanied by text written by the participants. Over the course of the next six to nine months Bread and Roses will work to create an infrastructure to sustain, build and manage national program activity. This will include: developing and promoting workshops outside of New York; creating a syllabus/project manual that supports program replication; stabilizing the staff who oversee the program, establishing partnerships in local communities, working to establishing a program brand and increasing participation.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$100,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*