

California College of the Arts
(Oakland, CA)

Center for Art and Public Life

Total Award: \$250,000 over 2 years

To support the *Center for Art and Public Life*, as it engages the communities it serves in their own development and assists CCA students and faculty in their understanding of community needs through programs, convenings, publications and partnerships. The Center embodies a new model for integrating reciprocal, community-based learning into formal education for artists, architects and designers nationwide. The primary issue addressed through the Center's partnerships, programs and curriculum is how to transform a system that disenfranchises communities of color and low income communities. The Center effects change by creating partnerships that integrate art education and public life. In 2003-2004, the Center placed Community Student Fellows and Faculty with partnering institutions to develop programs that used and refined protocols and procedures developed by the *Center for Art and Public Life*. It developed arts based curriculum at partner sites, increasing their knowledge of practices for community engagement; and used the arts to increase community participants' visual, communications and collaboration skills. Over the course of the next two years, the Center will increase or maintain levels of student participation in all programs; increase professional development opportunities, implement a Teaching Institute, launch the community arts major, implement a conference and publish the proceedings.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$250,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy I*