

Columbia College

(Chicago, IL)

*Building the Field: The Next Generation Arts
Leadership Project*

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 years

To support *Building the Field: The Next Generation Arts Leadership Project*, a project that trains the next generation of community youth arts leaders to promote social change and stronger communities while building the field of arts in youth and community development. The Arts in Youth and Community Development degree program helps build an infrastructure to enable youth arts workers to convey their knowledge and training to the next generation of leaders. The goals of the program are to sustain the long-term capacity of community-based leaders and to provide leaders with skills for establishing linkages between community-based organizations and the entire field of youth development. In 2003-2004 Columbia College implemented the new Master's degree program, recruited for and enrolled the first class and provide placements for students at community-based institutions. They also evaluated the first year of the program. Over the course of the next two years, they will implement the second and third year of the program; recruit and enroll new classes, identify community partners for practicum assignments; publish the research thesis of the first two classes and disseminate program documentation in hard copy and on the web.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$200,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*