

Xavier University of Louisiana
(New Orleans, LA)

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Community Arts Management Program

To support the transitioning of the Department of Art's Community Arts Partnership (CAP) into a *Community Arts Management Program* which will offer courses in fine arts, development, management, finance, economics, marketing, cultural policy and social justice. Emphasis will be placed on experiencing reciprocal learning, civic engagement and issues in diversity through community-based arts practice and theory. Students will develop analytical and strategic skills in their artistic disciplines as well as skills in community building and social enterprise. Xavier's CAP program has increased young people's participation in the arts through innovative partnerships between the art department and leading community-based organizations. It is also a major contributor and supporter of the Community Arts Training Initiative, an arts education collective that consist of 11 New Orleans nonprofit art organizations that share skills training opportunities. During 2004 Xavier will develop community arts pedagogy, identify community art partners, enhance academic resources within the university, collaborate with other similar programs to exchange research and scholarship, enhance students' skills, incorporate and document examples of the arts applied as an agent for social change and/or to enhance relationship-building, develop protocols for using creative approaches to bridge differences and provide students with the tools that will enable them to become effective leaders in the creative workforce.

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