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(Brooklyn, NY)

We Got Issues

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 Years

To support *We Got Issues*, an arts and civic transformation project that seeks to create an arts centered transformative young women's movement that encourages social activism and civic leadership. In 2004, *We Got Issues* (WGI) engaged young women ages 18-35 in a national dialogue about civic participation as well as the most relevant issues facing young women in America today. Interviews with more than 1,000 women across the nation revealed they are concerned with their ability to gain access to the system so that their voices can be heard. The performance piece, *We Got Issues* recounted young women's concerns about their health, their abilities to make a living wage, violence against women, war, creating self communities for children and families and the exploitation of women in the media. In 2005 WGI will use multimedia and the performing arts to encourage a national dialogue among young women; tour the performance piece of the same name; and collaborate with institutional partners to create a *Visionary Political Platform* that addresses the concerns of young women. In 2006 WGI will launch its first leadership institute, secure partners to support the Arts Based Model for Civic Transformation; generate earned income from performance fees and develop a sustainable business model.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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