

Alternate Roots, Inc.

(Atlanta, GA)

General Support

To support Alternate Roots, an organization based in the Southeast whose mission is to support the creation and presentation of original performing and visual art that is rooted in a particular community of place, tradition or spirit. Roots' artists form a community of cultural workers, both rural and urban, who value democracy and inclusiveness, and who put themselves at the forefront of bridging gaps in the community landscape while creating networks with like-hearted individuals. Alternate Roots believes in the power of individuals within communities to raise awareness about important issues impacting their communities by engaging in arts-integrated activities that are focused on social change. In 2004-2005, Roots cooperated with the Resource for Social Change and designed an Uprooting Racism Program which was offered at its annual meeting and developed curriculum that can be used by member institutions. They created new collaborative works throughout the South; created opportunities for peer-to-peer mentoring where artists engaged in a critical response process and they continue to maintain an inclusive broad-based organization. In 2005-006, Roots will increase the skills of artists and community organizations; support collaborations that pair artists and community activist; provide the means for artists to experience regional and national collaborations and engagements and maintain an inclusive, democratic organization that offers a broad range of support for community-based artists.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 4*

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year