

Art in the Public Interest

(Saxapahaw, NC)

General Support

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 Year

For general support to bring about recognition of the arts as part of a healthy culture in which artists provide intellectual nourishment and social benefit through the Community Arts Network (CAN). CAN is a website that promotes the growth and stability of the field by providing research, opportunities for critical dialogue, networking opportunities as well as training information and materials. Art in the Public Interest (API) supports art that reflects not only a commitment to quality but also a concern for the culture in which that work appears. The Community Arts Network has become an extremely significant voice in the field of community arts and is currently recognized as the primary source of the latest news, information and critical thinking in the field. In 2003-04, API expanded CAN's current features; documented the evolution of university-community arts partnership programs; observed programs and a critical process that was incorporated into field training; developed a training institute and convened field leaders; and cultivated a more diverse pool of writers. In 2005 API will maintain current features on the website; document projects that have led to sustainable changes as well as training programs; debut a more sophisticated website; and explore opportunities for connecting practitioners.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Arts and Culture: *Objective I, Strategy 3*