

**Artists for Humanity, Inc.**

(Boston, MA)

**Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 Year**

*Youth-Run Arts Micro-Enterprise: Replication and Dissemination*

To support the Youth-Run Arts Micro-Enterprise: Replication and Dissemination project which involves 1) the replication of Artist's for Humanity's (AFH) arts and business initiative with youth in Rhode Island and 2) maintaining its on-going work to build a sustainable future through its programming and site management. Artists for Humanity provides inner-city youth with the keys to self-sufficiency. AFH is based on a small-business model that focuses on marketing the products and services of the students to create opportunities for employment. Since 2002, AFH has been working to develop the RiverzEdge Art Project, a new organization that will be a replication of AFH in Woonsocket, RI. AFH staff have been involved in conceptualizing programs, evolving management practices, as well as developing the fund-raising plan and administrative structure. Participants in the process have included the leadership, board members, staff and students of both organizations. In 2003, AFH used NCF support to increase student participation during its transition from its temporary space to its new green facility; enhanced the business related skills in the program curriculum; worked with an additional 300 youth through its drop-in programs, increased earned revenues; and they documented their efforts so that they could share their processes with other institutions. In 2005, the next phase in the replication process will include: advanced mentorship training; business cultivation; product development; a youth exchange program and the development of a formal mentorship guide that documents the experience. The mentorship program will include a 13 week training where young AFH mentors will collaborate with RAP instructors, mentors and youth on a large-scale project. AFH will also document their first year of operation in their sustainable space so that they can share their learnings with the field.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$100,000** Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*