

Grantmakers in the Arts

(Seattle, WA)

GIA 2005 Conference: Culture Jam - Friction, Fusion, Synergy

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the 2005 GIA Conference, *Culture Jam - Friction, Fusion, Synergy*. In 2000, GIA undertook a field inquiry that informed its strategic plan. Over the course of the last five years, conference sessions and keynote speakers have addressed issues that are in sync with the values of NCF and they highlight the programs that we support. This year's theme, "Culture Jam," refers to the chaotic but often synergistic collision and melding of multiple communities living in compressed spaces. NCF will support that portion of the conference which addresses "the role of the arts in workforce development, urban redevelopment and civic participation." There will also be a special briefing on the state of the arts community in New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta. We will view this conference as a success if GIA achieves the following: identifies a diverse group of keynote speakers who can provide attendees with a broader understanding of the friction, fusion and synergy that is a legacy of the nation's rapidly changing demographics; develops themed sessions that address giving in communities of color, shifting demographics, increasing cultural participation; working with immigrant communities and cultural organizing; and facilitates a briefing on the state of the arts in New Orleans and the surrounding communities.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$10,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 4*

\$10,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Total Award: \$20,000 over 1 year