

New York University

(New York, NY)

Art and Social Justice

To support *Art and Social Justice*, an effort to sustain an ongoing role for community arts in the Tisch School and the development of local and national university/community arts networks so that knowledge can be shared among practitioners and theorists. The Tisch School of the Arts (TSOA) at New York University is one of the nation's leading centers of study in theater, design and lighting, drama, film, dance, cinema arts, dramatic writing, performance studies, photography, imaging, art and public policy and recorded music. In 1999 TSOA institutionalized its community based programming by creating a Department and a Center for Art and Public Policy and an Office of Community Connections. TSOA believes that universities have an obligation to provide students with models for acting responsibly along lines of civic engagement. In furtherance of this ideal, TSOA is developing a model that is based on critique, exchange and collaboration. With initial NCF support, TSOA planned and completed the design of its curriculum; implemented that curriculum in the 2004-05 school year, engaged in dialogue with others pursuing such work; and tapped into an international dialogue around arts and political engagement. In 2005-06 TSOA will expand the purview of the Art and Social Justice curriculum; institutionalize its week-long residency for freshmen; develop a replicable curriculum that imparts skills that can lead to the development of productions by local communities; and provide documentation of quality projects.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year