

The St. Louis Art Museum

(St. Louis, MO)

Total Award: \$15,000 over 1 Year

National Alliance of African and African-American Support Groups Conference

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the National Alliance of African and African-American Support Groups, annual meeting *Navigating the Mainstream VII*, a conference that encourages the sharing of strategies that have led to greater diversification of collections, exhibitions and staffing in mainstream museums. Founded in 1879, The St. Louis Art Museum has aggressively developed venues for its African American Community to learn about and invest in art that has become a permanent part of the Museum's collection. It has instituted a program called *Collecting Fine Art Featuring African American Artists* that is dedicated to building a new generation of art connoisseurs. The museum sponsors lecture series that feature scholars, curators and collectors as well as trips to art shows in New York and other venues. The museum has a gallery that features new works purchased for the collection by members of its African American support group. The St. Louis Art Museum will host this year's annual meeting of African American volunteers who have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for mainstream museums throughout the country. The goals for this year's program are: 1) to provide the members with information about building collections, organizing exhibitions and educating the public about African and African-American art; 2) to strengthen relationships among peers working around the country; and 3) to engage local arts organizations as partners in hosting the conference.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$15,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*