

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Free Expression Policy Project

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 Year

To support the *Free Expression Policy Project*, an initiative that provides artists, policy makers and the public with analysis of "free expression" policies in order to advance solutions and defend free expression principles that are under attack. The *Free Expression Policy Project* (FEPP) began in 2000 as a program of the National Coalition Against Censorship. Its goal is to take a progressive approach to censorship issues by reorienting policy debate by focusing on the underlying free-expression values of diversity and open access to information and ideas. With NCF support, the FEPP has built an extensive website, published five policy reports; filed amicus curiae briefs and acted as counsel on behalf of scholars and advocates for free expression; posted op-eds and presented at numerous conferences. In the coming year, FEPP will focus on three areas: 1) copyright, fair use and the public domain; 2) media democracy; and 3) free expression in arts funding and other censorship concerns. In each area, the organization will conduct and disseminate research; advance policy solutions; work towards securing positive legal outcomes and defending free expression principles.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*