

The Labor Institute

(New York, NY)

Strategic Initiative Forum

Total Award: \$35,000 over 6 months

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Strategic Initiative Forum to create a more effective alternative to the dominant model of issue-focused advocacy by further developing the concept of strategic initiatives (SI), designing a methodology to create SIs, and building a team of seasoned non-profit leaders to promulgate the new approach. In its initial phase, the Forum will bring together "early-adopters" of SIs in a series of retreats designed to create a highly effective team that will form the core of SI leadership. This core group is likely to bring together leaders from NCF grantees including SCOPE, the Ella Baker Center, Health Care Without Harm, ACORN, the Rockridge Institute, the Environmental Working Group and others who have expressed strong interest in exploring these new concepts and developing ways to apply them to new and ongoing work. Phase I will emphasize three retreats that will focus on relationship and team building and the development of a detailed plan to move the work forward into 2005 and beyond. Because team building will be key to the success of this work, an expert in group dynamics and individual professional coaching will be engaged to work with the group and individual members of the group.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$35,000 Environment Program: *Objective I, Strategy 2*