

Future of Music Coalition, Inc.

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 Year

(Washington, DC)

*Artist Research Council, a Health Insurance Hotline
and a Social Justice Convening for Musicians*

To support an artist research council, a health insurance hot-line and an art and social justice convening for musicians. The Future of Music Coalition (FMC) identifies, examines and interprets the challenging issues at the intersection of music, law, technology and policy. Through the use of a variety of strategies, FMC has published original research that has reframed policy debates to the benefit of musicians and citizens. Over the years, FMC has received support from musicians that has allowed them to buy proprietary data sets, pay researchers for analysis and translate their findings for musicians and the press. Armed with feedback from its constituency, FMC plans to formalize an Artists Research Council that will identify research projects, partners and supporters. Based on a 2001 survey of almost 3,000 musicians, FMC has determined that its constituency is overwhelmed by the process of securing insurance. FMC will establish a toll free hot-line that will provide musicians with clearly stated information while anonymously documenting recurring issues. Finally, FMC will plan a three-day gathering of committed musician advocates who have developed activist skill sets through experience and practice. Aspects of this event may be documented on film.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$50,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$50,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*