

Tides Center
(San Francisco, CA)
League of Young Voters Education Fund
Training Program

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

Program Contribution
Arts and Culture Program, \$25,000

Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic
Justice, \$50,000

To support the *League of Young Voters Education Fund Training Program*, a nonpartisan effort to train emerging community-based artists and cultural activists so that they can promote civic engagement by integrating voter organizing practices in their work. LYVEF engages 17-35 year-olds in the democratic process through grassroots peer-to-peer voter education training, leadership development and arts-based civic dialogue. The young artists who have been identified to participate as trainers include singers, composers, photographers, spoken word artists, playwrights and actors as well visual and media artists. The LYVEF Training Program builds networks of trainers who will present training workshops at conferences, on campuses and at community gatherings throughout the nation. The curricula will be customized to respond to the pressing issues of each local community being served. LYVEF will coordinate its efforts with Next Wave Women & Power and the National Hip-Hop Political Convention to maximize their complimentary and overlapping work. The LYVEF will attract a diverse group of young people; cooperate with cultural, social, environmental justice and health organizations; implement trainings that impart civic mapping, compliance with federal laws, coalition-building, and diversity navigation; develop a communication strategy; encourage the development of local groups that share e-mail alerts, network with others and form discussion groups; and facilitate the planning of special events that advance local issues.

Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 3*

Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*