

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice, Inc.
(New York, NY)
Free Expression Policy Project

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

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

Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic
Justice, \$25,000

To support the *Free Expression Policy Project*, an effort that addresses free expression by focusing on cutting-edge issues and providing resources that build support among policy makers and the general public. In 2002-2003, NCF supported the *Free Expression Policy Project* which was an initiative of the National Coalition Against Censorship. NCF supported the File Room, an on-line registry of incidences of art censorship throughout the world. This year, the project has been moved to the Brennan Center. With the addition of the *Free Expression Policy Project*, the Brennan Center will be in a unique position to combine scholarship, public education and legal advocacy in a way that makes explicit the interdependent relationships between free expression, access to the media for diverse viewpoints and democratic participation. The Brennan Center will examine free expression by researching its implications in copyright, the information commons, media democracy and arts funding. Through detailed policy reports, fact sheets, amicus curiae briefs and other educational materials, the Center will provide information that informs debates and influences outcomes. The Center will develop major policy reports in the areas of arts funding, copyright and the Internet. In each area, stakeholders will be provided with quality research and analysis. The long-term goal of the center is to increase the public's understanding of the free-expression values that are at risk such that they will be willing to proactively struggle for reform and change.

Arts and Culture Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

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