



community technology centers' network

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Nonprofits Awarded Over \$175,000 for Youth Multimedia Civic Engagement Projects

(WASHINGTON, DC)-- Eight US community-based organizations have received cash grants totaling over \$175,000 to build model programs engaging youth through multimedia projects.

Youth Visions is a unique three-year program, funded through the Corporation for National Service's Learn and Serve America division (<http://www.learnandserve.org>), that provides support to collaboratively develop curricula and evaluations meeting the interests of young people through community service and multimedia.

The eight sites selected for 2004-2005 are:

- The Ark, Troy, NY
- Asian Media Access, Minneapolis, MN
- California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (MANITAS Program), Sacramento, CA
- COSACOSA art at large, Philadelphia, PA
- Mendocino Family and Youth Services, Point Arena, CA
- Southern Perry County Youth Arts & Media Center (SPiCYAM), Shawnee, OH
- Spy Hop Productions, Salt Lake City, UT
- Sunflower County Freedom Project, Sunflower, MS

"Youth Visions for Stronger Neighborhoods extends CTCNet's longstanding track record of providing incredible opportunities to empower our nation's youth to address neighborhood needs in concrete ways." according to Kavita Singh, CTCNet executive director. "Each organization provides an exciting example of the work underway to heighten youth awareness of their own community problem-solving abilities, while enhancing the perception of youth as vital assets to their neighborhoods' long-term health and success."

A total of 85 organizations from across the United States competed for this year's grant cycle. Fifteen organizations across America have received more than \$370,000 since Youth Visions began in 2004. More information on the 2004-2005 grantees, as well as information on past recipients, is available online at: <http://www.ctcnet.org/youthvisions>

ABOUT CTCNet

Founded in 1990, CTCNet is a membership network of more than 1,000 organizations that provides resources and advocacy to improve the quality and sustainability of community technology at the local, national and international level. Its work is rooted in a desire to enhance learning, communication, and civic participation through equitable technology access.

CTCNet also hosts the annual national conference for community technology, to be held in Cleveland, OH June 17-19, 2005. More information available online at: www.ctcnet.org.

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