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**NEFA'S FUND FOR THE ARTS AWARDS \$79,500 TO SUPPORT PLANNING AND  
CREATION OF PUBLIC ART IN BOSTON**

(Boston, MA--) Fund for the Arts, a program administered and managed by New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA), has allocated a total of \$79,500 in FY05 to artists to support the planning and creation of public art works in Boston.

The Fund for the Arts, a restricted endowment that is administered by NEFA, was created in 1981 under arts philanthropist Phil David Fine's leadership. The Fund supports public art projects that pair Boston-based artist with nonprofit community organizations to create artworks of lasting impact for the public to enjoy. For more information about Fund for the Arts, visit <http://www.nefa.org/grantprog/fundforarts/index.html>

**THIS YEAR'S FUND FOR THE ARTS GRANTEES**

**Artists for Humanity (AFH)** was awarded \$5,000 to support the planning and development of a series of sculptures to be installed at their renewable energy facility "The EpiCenter". The sculptures will examine conservation and natural energy resources and will serve as part of AFH's permanent educational and exhibition programs. AFH's young people will work with sculptors Nick Rodrigues and Matt Althof in developing, designing, creating and installing interior architectural sculptures as part of the new "Spiritus Solaris" permanent exhibition.

**Center for Latino Arts/IBA** was awarded a \$44,500 grant for the planning and development of artworks designed by artist John Taguiri for the O'Day park in Villa Victoria located in the South End in Boston. The vision is to transform O'Day Park into an arts-themed park with a focus on Latino arts consistently used by the community. The renovated space will serve as a venue to host various Latino cultural expressions such as music, dance, film, poetry, etc, to entertain and educate the community.

**The Fenway Alliance** was awarded \$30,000 to support the installation of Ellen Driscoll's project entitled "Lumina". "Lumina" is an installation of LED-lit panel screens that display changing images of art-related graphics such as musical instruments or paint brushes that will run on a computer program. The panels will be attached to light-posts situated along Boston's Huntington Avenue – Avenue of the Arts.

NEFA creatively supports the movement of people, ideas, and resources in the arts within New England and beyond, makes vital connections between artists and audiences, and builds the strength, knowledge, and leadership of the region's creative sector. NEFA is a nonprofit organization that operates with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England state arts agencies, and from corporations, foundations, and individuals. For more information please visit [www.nefa.org](http://www.nefa.org).

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