

Note to state arts agencies from Judilee Reed, Executive Director, LINC
(Leveraging Investments in Creativity)

LINC's work was featured during three NASAA sessions at Assembly 2008:

- Creative Communities briefing session
- Artist Space Development briefing session
- Helping Artists Find and Keep Health Care workshop

Here I highlight information and free materials available through LINC's website, lincnet.net.

Newly re-launched, lincnet.net contains descriptions of our **Creative Communities** program and our local partners' work, as well as helpful tools and information resources related to **artist space** projects and **health insurance and health care** options for artists.

Please reach out to us to request free copies of research publications and other materials, and to provide us with feedback. We look forward to hearing from you! In the meantime, here are some ways to stay informed and get involved.

Artist Space Development

The Urban Institute led a session on Friday morning on artist space development (ASD). Florence Kabwasa-Green highlighted recent research findings about ways communities throughout the US have developed affordable live and/or work space for artists. Visit lincnet.net to learn more about ASD issues and strategies, or contact Crista Farrell at crista@lincnet.net to request hard copies of research publications, including:

- [***Artist Space Development: Making the Case***](#) (Urban Institute, 2007);
and
- [***Artist Space Development: Financing***](#) (Urban Institute, 2007).

And I am pleased to announce that with new support from the MetLife Foundation, LINC will also launch its **Artist Space Awards** program in spring 2009. Designed in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Urban Studies and Planning, the program rewards innovative ASD projects, and recognizes exemplary people and organizations contributing to these efforts. Stay tuned to lincnet.net, for additional information and guidelines.

The Artist Space Awards program also will enable collection of best practices for ASD projects, which will be centralized through the **Artist Space Developer's Tool**, an open-source database that will be re-launched through lincnet.net in 2009. The database will encourage the exchange of ideas, as well as the replication of successful ASD projects in communities throughout the United States.

In coming months, LINC will also be offering **free** postcards, brochures, drop-in ads, and other PSAs to state arts agencies for distribution to constituents. These tools, designed primarily to connect artists with AHIRC, will be accessible through LINC's website and in hard copy format upon request. Please contact Robert Carabay at rob@lincnet.net for more information about this program.