

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.

Creative Communities

During the Saturday panel in Chattanooga you may have heard our Creative Communities partners from Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Montana talk about their work with LINC. To accompany the information you heard from Charlie McDermott (MA), Ken May (SC), and Arni Fishbaugh (MT), I wanted to offer additional information about the Creative Communities program.

As our organization moves forward with the final four years of its work, LINC will make a small number of **project grants** to organizations not currently in the LINC network, that are addressing at least one of LINC's themes and are aligned with LINC's core values. For more information about the program and its grant guidelines, please visit lincnet.net or contact Karen Garrett, LINC's program director, grantmaking, at karen@lincnet.net.

The [Creative Communities](http://lincnet.net) program is a nationwide network of organizations working to make improvements in the local and regional environment for artists. Each community focuses on at least one of LINC's themes: *training and professional development, direct support for artists, health insurance and health care for artists, artist space, and demand/markets*. Partner organizations receive grants and information resources from LINC, as well as regular opportunities to meet and share lessons from their work.

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.