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COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP**QUESTION:**

Why is the Committee structure necessary?

ANSWER:

The Committee structure is designed to bring the full expertise of the four agencies - the Department of Education, NEH, NEA and IMS - to bear in making awards for cultural partnerships which will serve the needs of at-risk youth.

The Department of Education has the greatest experience in distributing grants to schools. NEH and NEA will contribute their expertise in the disciplines of the humanities and the arts so that they can identify the highest quality projects to target at-risk youth. IMS will contribute its considerable experience in working with museums.

We have constructed an ideal model to make maximum use of the federal dollar. NEH, NEA and IMS will insure that awards are made only to the highest quality projects, and the Department of Education will insure that the projects awarded serve the very neediest students.