

**Ella Baker Center For Human Rights in California**  
(Oakland, CA)

**Total Award: \$215,000 over 1 year**

*Reclaim the Future*

To support Reclaim the Future (RTF), a project of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, to create jobs for at-risk youth and former prison inmates in the emerging green economy. This initiative seeks to be the focal point of a number of traditionally separate issue areas, including civil rights, environmental health and sustainability, urban renewal, and entrepreneurial business. RTF is working to change the public's understanding, orienting the debate about the injustices of the prison system towards a set of cross-cutting solutions; RTF is based on the idea that we can create new, environmentally sustainable economies in America's inner cities that provide jobs, job training and hope to families, communities and young people coming out of jail. For the project's second year the focus will be on: 1) developing and disseminating ideas about green technologies and job creation through research projects, teaching tools and the publication of a book; 2) building a community of support by networking leaders, developing new leaders and recruiting advisors; and 3) launching a Demonstration Project that partners a green enterprise with a prison re-entry program or other workforce development program to create 15-25 job training and job placement opportunities for at-risk or previously incarcerated young people.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$165,000** Environment/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objective I, Strategies 1& 2, Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

**\$25,000** Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1, Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

**\$25,000** Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*