



100 Gates Project LOWER EAST SIDE PARTNERSHIP MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

In an effort to combat graffiti in the Lower East Side, business owners came together and used grant funds to contract with street artists. The street artists painted murals on the businesses' roll-down security gates and served the purposes of covering the graffiti as well as

beautifying the streetscape. Today, more than 300 gates have been painted and the Lower East Side residents and business owners are working toward the goal of turning their community into the world's largest outdoor public art gallery!

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The NYC Department of Small Business Services, along with partners New York City Economic Development Corporation and New York City Business Assistance Corporation, are proud to offer the Neighborhood Challenge Innovation Grant competition. Since 2012, Neighborhood Challenge and its preceding competition, BID Challenge, have received nearly 240 project proposals and funded 32 of those projects, with those awards totaling \$2.2 million invested in New York City neighborhoods.