



**TALLER**  
**PUERTORRIQUEÑO**  
El Corazón Cultural Del Barrio  
The Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia

PRESS RELEASE

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## City of Philadelphia Awards \$1.5 Million to the Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa- June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007-- Mayor John F. Street presented Taller Puertorriqueño with a check in the sum of 1.5 million dollars from the City of Philadelphia's Cultural Corridors Fund.

"When I received the invitation I knew that something good was coming, but didn't imagine that Taller would receive over one million dollars" said Carmen Febo-San Miguel, executive director, Taller Puertorriqueño.

"We recognize the valuable role Taller plays in our economy and are pleased to be able to provide assistance to Taller in achieving the goal to expand its presence and enhance the programs that so many already benefit from within North Philadelphia and throughout the city," stated Mayor John F. Street.

"We are thankful and filled with joy to know that the City of Philadelphia recognizes the value of Taller Puertorriqueño. Furthermore, this is a victory for our board, staff, members, artists, supporters and everyone who has believed in our vision to provide high quality cultural programs that inspire, encourage participation, teach, bring people together and enhance the quality of life in the Philadelphia Latino community while promoting cultural diversity in a City increasingly impacted by the realities, opportunities and challenges of a multicultural community," added Febo-San Miguel.

The Cultural Corridors grant will be used by Taller to complete design and construction for a new facility at 2600-24 North Fifth Street, a site currently owned by

the city. "In addition to this funding, we will work with Taller to successfully convey this property to Taller as part of our commitment to assist in this wonderful project," said Mayor Street.

The Cultural Corridors is part of the Mayor's \$150 million initiative to support important projects along the City's cultural and commercial corridors. Through the bond issue approved by City Council late last year, the Mayor is able to provide over \$60 million specifically to Philadelphia's treasured cultural organizations.

Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc., known as the *Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia*, was established in 1974 as a community based organization dedicated to the preservation, development and promotion of Puerto Rican culture and to the quality representation of Latin American artistic traditions. Its focus is to strengthen the Latino community through the arts, serve as an educational vehicle advancing cultural identity and reaffirmation, and do work that promotes social justice, equality and cultural pluralism.

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