

## **Community Food Project Grantees in Louisiana**

Five CFP grants were awarded to organizations in Louisiana between 1996 and 2006, totaling \$523,925. One recent grant is profiled below.

### **New Orleans Food and Farm Network**

**Grant awarded: \$265,000 in 2006 for a 3-year period.**

The New Orleans Food & Farm Network (NOFFN) works with individuals, growers and communities to support sustainable growing practices and ensure equal access to safe, nutritious, enjoyable food. With help from a 2006 CFP grant, NOFFN's "Food Access and Food Justice" project is assisting in New Orleans' recovery from Hurricane Katrina by working to rebuild a local food system. The project is expanding the membership and representation of the local food system coalition "Grow New Orleans," in addition to establishing a formalized community-driven food policy network to inform public policy and private development. NOFFN is also working to develop food justice action plans and neighborhood food access maps as tools for both the general public and for those involved in the rebuilding efforts. To further include and mobilize the public, NOFFN will increase local community capacities and build leadership to participate in food security work, principally by encouraging communities and leaders to conduct neighborhood-based participatory food assessments. Once these assessments have been completed, NOFFN plans to create sustainable community food projects based on neighborhood appraisals and regional assets.