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CURRENT LAW
ON STATE ARTS COUNCILS AND STATE HUMANITIES COMMITTEES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Agency: Designated or established State agency

Matching: 50% of the total cost of any project or production (source not limited)

Requirements: (1) State agency is sole agency for administration of program;
(2) funds paid to State will only be used on projects approved by the State agency;
(3) State agency will make reports as required by Chairman.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Agency: OPTION

(1) State appoints a minimum of 50% of membership

OR

(2) Grant recipient assures that at least 2 members of its governing body shall be appointed by appropriate State officer or agency

Matching: Depends on option selected:
(1) If 50% State appointed--
--50% of the amount in excess of $100,000, from State funds, in first year;
--100% of the amount in excess of $100,000, from State funds, in second year (i.e. 50-50 match of excess);
--100% of amount of Federal assistance received by recipient (i.e. 50-50 match of all funds), from State funds, in subsequent years.
(2) If existing Committee continued with 2 appointed members, 50-50 match of all Federal assistance received, from any sources.

Requirements: (1) Grant recipient will abide by optional appointment & matching requirements;
(2) funds will be expended solely on programs consistent with Act's purposes;
(3) recipient has established a membership policy to assure broad public representation;
(4) it has a nomination process to assure nomination of various groups within the State;
(5) it has a regular membership rotation process;
Allotments: $200,000 per State.

--If funds insufficient, each State is ratably reduced;

--If funds exceed amount necessary for each State to receive minimum, 25% of the excess is available to Chairman for discretionary grants to States and regional groups; additional sums are allotted among States in equal amounts.

In the discretion of the Chairman, that part of a State's allotment in excess of $125,000 may be used to pay 100% of the cost of a project, if it would otherwise be unavailable to State residents (100% funding limited to 20% of the State's total allotment).

Authorization: Not less than 20% of the funds appropriated to the Endowment.

FY 1979 Amount Available to States:

$22,721,000

Requirements (continued):

(6) recipient establishes reporting procedures designed to inform the chief executive officer of the State and other appropriate officers and agencies of its activities;

(7) it establishes procedures to assure public access to information relating to its activities; and

(8) recipient will make reports as required by the Chairman.

Allotments: Same as NEA allotment provision, except that 100% Federal funding (subject to same limitations as in NEA section) is available only if the State does not opt to create a State Humanities committee.

Authorization: Not less than 20% of the funds appropriated to the Endowment.

FY 1979 Amount Available to States:

$22,100,000