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NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR
THE ARTS

WASHINGTON
D.C. 20506



A Federal agency advised by the
National Council on the Arts

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BUDGET INFORMATION, FISCAL YEAR 1976

The President's Budget submitted to the Congress requests an appropriation of \$82 million for the National Endowment for the Arts for Fiscal Year 1976, which begins July 1. In addition, budget authority to receive \$7.5 million in private monies is requested, which would bring the total program to \$89.5 million if the Congress appropriates the full amount requested.

Of the \$82 million federal money:

- \$74,500,000 is Program money, including funds for state arts agencies and regional groups. (Of the total amount actually appropriated for Program funds, at least 20 percent is for state arts agency bloc grants and for additional grants to state and regional arts groups.)
- \$7,500,000 is to match private donations to the Endowment for its Treasury Fund.

The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent agency of the Federal Government, created in 1965 to encourage and

assist the nation's cultural resources. It is advised by the 26 Presidentially-appointed members of the National Council on the Arts. The Administration has requested an identical sum (\$82 million) for the Arts Endowment's sister agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities. The two agencies, with their respective Councils, make up the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

The major goals of the National Endowment for the Arts are to make the arts more widely available to millions of Americans; to strengthen cultural organizations; to preserve our rich cultural heritage for present and future generations; and to encourage the creative development of our nation's finest talent.

Funding information on the National Endowment for the Arts follows:

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Funding Background

	<u>Fiscal Year 1974</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1975</u>	<u>Administration Request Fiscal 1976</u>
Program Funds	\$ 46,025,000	\$ 67,250,000*	\$ 74,500,000*
State Arts Agencies (and Regional Arts Groups, FY 75 and 76)	8,250,000	*	*
Federal Funds to Match Private Donations	6,500,000	7,500,000**	7,500,000
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<u>FEDERAL TOTALS</u>	\$ 60,775,000	\$ 74,750,000**	\$ 82,000,000
Private Donations	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>7,500,000**</u>	<u>7,500,000</u>
Total Program	\$ 67,275,000	\$ 82,250,000**	\$ 89,500,000

* Not less than 20 percent of the amount appropriated for Program funds is for state arts agencies and regional arts groups. In Fiscal 1975 the bloc grants to state arts agencies were \$200,000 each. It is anticipated that bloc grants to state arts agencies will reach \$205,000 each in Fiscal 1976. Additional funds will also be available for state and regional arts groups. Prior to Fiscal 1975, the line item for state arts agencies was for bloc grants only.

** Final total depends on amount of donations received and accepted.