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In the United States...

The Arts are mandated to support the development of the Arts "in the United States."

This was an original legislative provision, requested by the Dept. of State so that the Arts Endowment would not conflict with its program at the time (1964-65). Since then support for the Arts through the overseas program of the State Dept. has diminished. The State Dept. has said it would not object to the removal of the restrictive quote above.

Once in a while an organization needs help for an overseas program which will enhance its own abilities and reputation. For example Arena State greatly benefitted from a Russian tour in recent times, and our US image was enhanced. It is unlikely that the Arts Endowment would do much overseas support of groups from the US, but it is felt that the restriction has become obsolete.

No such restriction has ever applied to the Humanities.