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# Humanities Projects Announced

New York —(AP)— The emphasis is on creativity in a highly diversified series of projects announced yesterday by the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

Altogether, \$3,123,500 is allocated under the program for the coming year which was worked out during a three-day meeting of the federal agency's advisory council.

The highlights include:

\$310,000 for grants to a dozen young musicians to launch them on concert careers;

Up to \$350,000 to assist 50 painters and other visual artists over 25 years of age;

Two funds totaling \$350,000 for creative writers, divided between \$200,000 aid for up to 20

literary works-in-progress and \$150,000 for domestic travel;

\$600,000 assistance to regional professional theaters, primarily to enable higher salary scales for actors;

\$30,000 to set up an American Lyric Theater workshop proposed by Jerome Robbins, a leading stage director and choreographer;

\$174,000 to establish the country's first regional opera company in the southeast.

"The programs," according to Roger L. Stevens, council chairman, "have a three-fold purpose—to assist the creative artists, to develop wider audiences, and to stimulate appreciation of the artist and his work."

In connection with this latter goal, several allocations were made. They included: one

statewide and three community pilot projects to increase public interest in museums, total \$150,000; distribution of 5,000 sets of drawings of both new and museum works, to schools, \$150,000; a nationwide survey of community art resources, \$50,000.

In other arts, \$55,000 is planned as a matching grant to publish an anthology of poetry, fiction and essays from literary magazines; \$200,000 for the national environmental design institute which brackets architecture, urban and industrial design; and a matching grant of \$150,000 for the Inter-American Foundation for the Arts.

The list allocates most of the \$4 million appropriations for 1967 which has already passed the House of Representatives and is awaiting Senate action.