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Proposal Relating to State Humanities
Program

August 30, 1976

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State Humanities Program

Sec. 101. (a) Section 7 of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(f)(1) The Chairman, with the advice of the National Council on the Humanities, is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, to establish and carry out a program of grants-in-aid in each of the several States in order to support not more than 50 percent of the cost of existing activities which meet the standards enumerated in subsection (c) of this section, and in order to develop a program in the humanities in such a manner as will furnish adequate programs in the humanities in each of the several States.

"(2) In order to receive assistance under this subsection in any fiscal year, any appropriate entity desiring to receive such assistance shall submit an application for such grants at such time as shall be specified by the Chairman. Each such application shall be accompanied by a plan which the Chairman finds--

"(A) provides assurances that the grant recipient will comply with the requirements of paragraph (3) of this subsection;

"(B) provides that funds paid to the grant recipient will be expended solely on programs which carry out the objectives of subsection (c) of this section;

"(C) establishes a membership policy which is designed to assure broad public representation with respect to programs administered by such grant recipient;

"(D) provides a nomination process which assures opportunities for nomination to membership from various groups within the State involved and from a variety of segments of the population of such State;

"(E) provides for a membership rotation process which assures the regular rotation of the membership and officers of such grant recipient and which complies with the provisions of paragraph (3)(C) of this subsection;

"(F) establishes reporting procedures which are designed to inform the chief executive officer of the State involved, and other appropriate officers and agencies, of the activities of such grant recipient;

"(G) establishes procedures to assure public access to information relating to such activities; and

"(H) provides that such grant recipient shall make reports to the Chairman, in such form, at such times, and containing such information, as the Chairman may require.

"(3)(A) Whenever a State desires that the chief executive officer of such State, or an appropriate officer or agency of such State, shall appoint 50 percent of the membership of the governing body of the grant recipient involved, such State shall, in order to qualify for the receipt of grants under this subsection--

"(i) with respect to fiscal year 1977, provide, from State funds, 50 percent of that portion of the cost of activities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection which exceeds \$100,000;

*but in no case
more than the
State allotment*

"(ii) with respect to each fiscal year thereafter, provide, from State funds, 50 percent of the cost of activities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection,

"(B) In any State in which the State does not comply with the requirements of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the grant recipient shall--

"(i) establish a procedure which assures that two members of the governing body of such grant recipient shall be appointed by an appropriate officer or agency of such State; and

"(ii) provide, from any source, 50 percent of the cost of activities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

"(C) In any fiscal year in which a State fails to meet the matching requirement from State funds made by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the number of members on the governing body of the grant recipient who were appointed by the chief executive officer of such State, or an appropriate officer or agency of such State, shall be reduced so that the governing body complies with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph."