Grant Title: NEA ACCESS TO ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE, FY 2011 GRANT

Funding Opportunity Number: 2010NEA01AAE1. CFDA Number(s): 45.024.

Agency/Department: National Endowment for the Arts.

Area of Research: Encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country.


Application Deadline: March 11, 2010; August 12, 2010.

Amount: An organization may request a grant amount from $5,000 to $150,000. Most grant awards will range from $10,000 to $100,000. Few grants will be awarded below $10,000; grants of $100,000 or more will be made only in rare instances, and only for projects that the Arts Endowment determines demonstrate exceptional national or regional significance and impact.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements" including nonprofit, tax-exempt status at the time of application. (All organizations must apply directly on their own behalf. Applications through a fiscal agent are not allowed.); have a three-year history of programming prior to the application deadline; have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date(s) for all Arts Endowment grant(s) previously received. An organization may submit only one application through one of the following FY2011 Grants for Arts Projects categories: Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America Fast-Track, Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth.

Summary: Introduction Access to Artistic Excellence encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. Particularly relevant at this time are projects that demonstrate innovation by generating new forms of art making, new directions in the field, and/or innovative uses of creative resources. Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following: Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work. Present artistic works of all cultures and periods. Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions. Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences. Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities. Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists. Employ the arts in strengthening communities. The Arts Endowment is particularly interested in projects that extend the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. This is achieved in part through the use of Challenge America funds. Please note: Congress has prohibited the Arts Endowment from making direct grants to individuals except for Literature Fellowships, NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships, NEA National Heritage Fellowships in the Folk & Traditional Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts Opera Honors.

Detail Information: http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html