

Attachment 21A

Explanatory Note for the National Endowment for the Arts February 1, 2011

This memo accompanies the required American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1609(c) report for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the period ending December 31, 2010.

As stated in the October 15, 2010, report of ARRA NEPA status and progress, the NEA has completed its NEPA review for all of its ARRA projects, and completed the obligation of its ARRA appropriation.

As previously noted, while the NEA's total ARRA appropriation was \$50,000,000, \$125,000 was allocated to salaries and expenses, making the total appropriation for grants \$49,875,000. Since the October 15, 2010, report, three grantees requested partial deobligations which were not related to any NEPA actions. There will be no further obligations and the new total obligation for grants is \$49,872,394.

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