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Governor Bill Richardson Announces New Mexico Arts Organizations Receive \$300,000 in Stimulus Grants from NEA

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded seven nonprofit arts organizations in New Mexico a total of \$300,000 in competitive American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) grants. The grants will help preserve jobs threatened by declines in philanthropic activity as well as provide other needed support.

“These grants will go a long way in helping our arts organizations get through this economically challenging time,” Governor Richardson said. “The arts are important to economic recovery, especially here in New Mexico where they are such major economic and tourism drivers.”

The grants are in addition to the previously announced \$297,000 in ARRA funds from the NEA to New Mexico Arts, the state arts agency and a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

“New Mexico’s cultural riches, from museum exhibitions to the performing arts, represent an economically sound investment,” Cultural Affairs Secretary Stuart Ashman said. “They fuel our economy, expand educational opportunities and generally boost the quality of life for families and communities across New Mexico. We wholeheartedly welcome and applaud these important new stimulus grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.”

The newly announced direct grants are:

Fine Arts for Children and Teens, Inc.

Santa Fe, NM
\$25,000

Georgia O’Keeffe Museum

Santa Fe, NM
\$50,000

National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation

Albuquerque, NM
\$50,000

Santa Fe Art Institute
Santa Fe, NM
\$50,000

Santa Fe New Music, Inc.
Santa Fe, NM
\$25,000

Santa Fe Opera
Santa Fe, NM
\$50,000

Working Classroom, Inc.
Albuquerque, NM
\$50,000

Number of Grants: 7 Total Amount: \$300,000

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