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TO: New Mexico Arts grantees  
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SUBJ: Arts Jobs Grants  
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New Mexico Arts is getting ready to regrant Arts Jobs recovery funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Our plan, although accepted by the NEA, is not final as we still need some approvals from the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment. We are also awaiting final reporting requirements and instructions from the NEA and state authorities.

But, in the meantime, we wanted to share with you what we anticipate we will offer under our Arts Jobs Grants program.

We expect to allocate \$247,000 in Arts Jobs Grants across New Mexico. The process for the Arts Jobs Grants will be similar to our regular grants process. Here are some highlights of what we anticipate:

- Eligible applicants are those grantees who received grants from New Mexico Arts in FY07, FY08, or FY09, or who are eligible for funding in FY10. Eligible organizations must be nonprofit arts organizations. Government entities are not eligible unless they are based in rural New Mexico and are a primary arts presenter and/or key provider of arts services in their local community.
- Eligible applicants may apply simultaneously to all possible sources for NEA-ARRA funding -- and we encourage arts organizations to apply to as many NEA funding sources as possible -- but an organization may receive a grant from only one NEA-ARRA funding source.
- New Mexico Arts will accept one application from each eligible nonprofit arts organization.
- Applicants may apply in one of these two categories. Please note that there is no match required for Arts Jobs Grants.
  - Salary Support – up to \$20,000 for one position that has been eliminated or is in jeopardy due to the economic downturn
  - Contractor/Artist Fees – up to \$7,500 to extend or maintain the contract period for administrative, technical, and/or artistic contractors
  - Note that no new positions will be funded – only existing or previous positions/contracts are eligible, under NEA rules. Full time development/fundraising positions are not eligible under NEA rules, but the non-development/non-fundraising portion of positions/contractors are eligible for funding.
  - An applicant will need to demonstrate how the position or contractor/artist fees help the organization achieve its artistic mission, as well as sustainability plans for the future.

- Applications must be submitted through the Western States Arts Federation's (WESTAF) CultureGrants Online.
- All grantees must have DUNS numbers and must be registered with the Federal government's Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at the time these contracts are signed.
- Anticipated application opening is early May.
- Anticipated application deadline is early June.
- Anticipated panel review is mid-July.
- Anticipated grant approvals by the New Mexico Arts Commission is August.
- Anticipated contract period is from the date of contract approval through September 30, 2010.
- New Mexico Arts expects to award a total of fifteen to twenty Arts Jobs Grants. Priority will be given to organizations that serve rural New Mexico and/or reach underserved populations, as required by the NEA.

Please continue to check our web site, [www.nmarts.org](http://www.nmarts.org), for further details as they become available.