

FY 2013 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS LOG

FOIA #	REQUESTER	INFORMATION/RECORDS REQUESTED	DATE MAILED	DETERMINATION
13-01	Abraham Payton, American Bridge 21st Century	Copies of correspondence between Chris Christie (full name: Christopher James Christie) and the Office of the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (including the Chairman) from 1995 to the present. Copies of correspondence between the staff of the offices listed below and the Chairman (and his/her office): Office of the Governor of New Jersey (January 19, 2012 to the Present) Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (January 17, 2002 to December 1, 2008).	11/19/2012	Full Denial No records
13-02	Robert Freedman	Grant ES 6083-72-70 Development and Teacher Training for Curriculum Development awarded to American Indian Historical Society, San Francisco, CA. Copy of the curriculum developed under this grant by Mr. Hurley Parkhurst. It is titled "Uses of Native Plans Today and Yesterday."	12/5/2012	Full Denial No records
13-03	Martin Tuohy, Calumet Heritage Partnership	Copies of the grant proposal and any reports in the grant file submitted to the NEH by the Bessemer Historical Society in response to an NEH grant in 2006-2008.	1/7/2013	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-04	Ellen Marsh, ProTech Training	Either an organizational chart or telephone directory for NEH.	1/8/2013 e-mailed requester to advise that info is available on NEH website	Full Grant
13-05	Abraham Payton, American Bridge 21st Century	Copies of correspondence between now-former Senator Scott Brown and the Chariman and the White House Liaison and Director of Congressional Affairs from 2010 to the present. The term "correspondence" includes any letters, memorandum, emails, faxes, cell-phone texts (department owned/reimbursed phones) as available.	2/5/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant

13-06	Michael Ravnitzky	A copy of sequestration plan at the National Endowment for the Humanities. Limit the search to records created or dated during the last three months.	2/5/2013	Full Denial No Records
13-07	Chris Cantergiani, Scripps Howard News Service	Copies of any information about missing and/or stolen items within the NEH during the period from 2007 through 2012 Clarified request via telephone (2/5/2013): Requester stated that he is looking for Govt owned items (laptops, computers, cell phones) that the NEH accounts for and has an inventory of that have gone missing and/or stolen during the period of 2007 - 2012. AM	2/19/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B6
13-08	Karen Troutman, Dewey Publications Inc.	Name and e-mail address for persons in the following positions within the NEH: Human Relations Director, Civil Rights Directors, Equal Employment Opportunity Directors, Labor Relations Directors, Workers' Compensation Directors, Training Directors, Within Personnel Offices/Employee Relations Offices/Labor Relations Offices: chiefs of Staffing/Classification, Chiefs of Labor Relations, Chiefs of Employee Relations; Within General Counsel Offices, Assistant or Deputy General Counsels for: Litigation, administrative law, EEO/Civil rights, Labor and employment law, and Chief Equal Employment Opportunity Counselors.	2/26/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant
13-09	Darlene Roth, Albright College	Copy of an NEH app, CFDA #45.149. Preferably for a project related to bringing in a consultant to advise on a humanities collection project.	2/15/2013 spoke to requester to advise that sample grant apps are available on NEH website	Full Grant
13-10	Michael Ravnitzky	A printout/list/digital file of the OIG investigations closed during calendar year 2012. Include the subject, title and topic of the closed investigation and whatever other fields are available at to the date opened, date closed and the case number.	3/15/2013	Full Denial No records
13-11	Ashley D. Hollis, Cotton & Company LLP	General terms of NEH current financial statement audits contract - name of current audit firm, base period and all option periods	3/15/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant

13-12	Deborah Jahnke	Full narrative and any other nonprivileged information about NEH Challenge Grant CH-51077	3/21/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-13	Brady Eames	<p>Copies of the following documents of and all Labor-Management Forums established by the National Endowment for the Humanities under the Executive Order 13522 (NEH Forums): (1) any and all lists of each and every member of the NEH Forums; (2) any and all charters of the NEH Forums which have been filed with the Administrator or the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration; (3) the identities of the committee management officers of the NEH Forums; (4) the identities of the designated federal officers of the NEH Forums; (5) any and all notices of the NEH Forums' meetings which have been published in the Federal Register; (6) any and all minutes of all meetings which have been conducted by the NEH Forums; (7) any and all other records, reports, appendixes, working papers, drafts, studies, agenda or other documents which were made available to or prepared for or by the NEH Forums.</p> <p>3/7/2013 e-mail 8:50 pm - requester responded to NEH standard FOIA acknowledgement e-mail</p> <p>3/14/2013 e-mail 4:17 pm - requester responded to NEH's e-mail explaining that LMC Forum is not a FACA committee, and agency would process request under FOIA</p> <p>3/20/2013 e-mail 12:47 pm - requester sent original 3/5/2013 request a second time</p> <p>3/20/2013 - spoke with requester via telephone to clarify request</p> <p>3/20/2013 e-mail 7:38 pm - requester sent e-mail notice to "file claim under FACA"</p> <p>3/20/2013 e-mail 8:04 pm - requester sent same e-mail notice to "file claim under FACA"</p>	4/3/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B5 & B6

13-14	Abraham Payton, American Bridge 21st Century	Copies of all incoming and outgoing official correspondence (including constituent correspondence) between Representative Michele Marie Bachmann and the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman from January 3, 2007 to the present. Please note that the term "correspondence" includes any letters, memorandum, emails, faxes, phone logs, cell-phone texts (of department-owned/reimbursed phones) as available.	4/8/2013 via e-mail	Full Denial No records
13-15	Micah Altman MuckRock.com	All components of the grant proposal (including, but not limited to the proposal narrative, reference, budget, and other supporting materials) by Jean-Louis Bigourdan, Rochester Institute of Technology, that resulted in the NEH award now entitled "Preserving Film Collections for the Future - An Essential Web Application" and numbered PR-50188-13.	4/18/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B6
13-16	Michelle Aleman, Miami Dade County	Grant number PA-50138 - Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama Museums (May 2003) Grant number RZ-51287-11 - Household Archaeology at Bridge Riverm British Columbia Grant number RZ-51427-12 - The Azoria Project Excavations: A Study of Urbanization on Crete, 700-500 BC Grant number RZ-51422-12 - Origins of Ancient Mesoamerican Civilizations: Early Formative Archaeology of the Soconusco Region of Mexico Grant number RZ-51442-12 - Colonial Encounters: The Lower Potomac River at Contact, 1500-1720 AD	4/26/2013	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-17	Michael Ravnitzky	A copy of each Report of Investigation, Referral Memorandum, Referral Letter, Final Report or Closing Memo associated with any investigative file closed at the NEH Office of Inspector General during calendar years 2012 or 2013 to date.	4/26/2013	Full Grant
13-18	Gary Murrell	Any and all records including but not limited to correspondence, agency reports, meeting minutes (especially those among the final decision-makers that relate to discussions that affected the denial of funding), newspaper articles, applications, evaluations both from within the agence and from outside evaluators, that related to the unsuccessful grant applications submitted in 1975 and/or 1976 by Dr. Herbert Aptheker and the University of Massachusetts Press for funding to publish the correspondence of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois.	4/8/2013 via e-mail and postal mail	Full Denial No records

13-19	David Gordon	Copies of the complete proposals, including all supporting documents, and especially curriculum vitae, for two funded grants made by the American Academy of Arts & Sciences: CH-50020-04 - American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Cambridge, MA 02138-1929), Leslie C. Berlowitz - Support for Humanities Endowment and Infrastructure Endowment for a program of visiting scholars in the humanities and for lectures, conferences and special projects; and renovation of office facilities for visiting scholars. (Project field: Humanities, Program: Challenge Grants, Division: Challenge Grants). BN-50001-11 - American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Cambridge, MA 02138-1929), Leslie C. Berlowitz - American Academy/NEH partnership for the Humanities Indicators. (Project field: Humanities, Program: Humanities Indicators, Division: Public Programs, Total amount awarded: \$300,000, Grant period: 7/1/2011 – 11/30/2012).	4/29/2013 - partial response 5/7/2013 - final response	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-20	Julia Choi, Student at UC Berkeley	Public comments on the following rules: 1. Federally assisted programs; Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap; Extension of Comment Period - FR date: 21 June 78 Group: 77-79; ID: 2801; 45 CFR Part 1170 2. Employees part-time career employment - FR date: 3 October 80 Group: 79-81; ID: 1529; 45 CFR Part 1176 3. Federally assisted programs; Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex - FR date: 20 June 80 Group: 79-81; ID: 3060; 45 CFR Part 1171	5/21/2013 via e-mail and postal mail	Full Denial No records
13-21	Michael Ravnitzky	A copy of the memo(s) and document(s) describing the impact of federal budget sequestration upon NEH operations and functions. Limited to records created or finalized since February 1, 2013.	5/21/2013	Partial Grant B5
13-22	Michael Ravnitzky	A copy of any reasonably retrievable memos, reports, papers or emails concerning the impact of the sequestration on the agency's Office of the Inspector General. Limited to records originated in the last twelve months.	5/20/2013	Full Denial No records

13-23	Michael Ravnitzky	A copy of the OIG records such as invoices or bills or budget documents that indicate the sum of monies paid to CIGIE from the OIG for CIGIE annual dues/assessments for each of the last five years.	5/7/2013	Full Grant
13-24	Michael Morisy, MuckRock.com	<p>A copy of all responses sent to Congressional Committees between January 1, 2008 and the date this request is processed.</p> <p>e-mailed requester 5/6/2013 to clarify vague request</p> <p>e-mailed requester 5/10/2013 to clarify vague request</p> <p>e-mailed requester 5/14/2013 to clarify vague request</p> <p>e-mailed requester 5/21/2013 notifying that NEH will admin. close file if no response by 6/4/2013</p> <p>Clarified request via e-mail (5/21/2013): Most federal agencies store all responses to Congressional inquiries in a special folder or tracking file or system. I'm requesting all files, generated between Jan. 1, 2008, that have been collected or stored as communications with Congress in such a filing or storage system. Such documents should be readily available in the agency's central correspondence file, or in a congressional relations/legislative relations office, or both.</p>	6/13/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-25	Todd Wallack, Boston Globe	I am seeking copies of two grant applications by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (NEH grant numbers CH 50020-04 and BN-50001-11). I understand that you have already recently provided those documents to another requestor and I am simply seeking a copy of the identical documents you have already provided-- preferably via email.	5/21/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B4 & B6
13-26	Todd Wallack, Boston Globe	I am seeking a copy of a recent federal grant application from the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts (Federal Award ID BN5000213: 0707) to the NEH.	6/4/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B4 & B6

13-27	Brooke Gessner, American Philosophical Association	<p>I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Applicant Data for Years 2002-2012, (including, but not limited to such data as applications, the department and gender of the applicant, the amount asked in the case of a grant, whether the grant or fellowship was awarded, funding rates, distributions by state, gender, field, and so on) and ACLS proposals to NEH for 2002-2012.</p> <p>Clarified request via telephone (6/26/2013): Requester no longer wants "ACLS proposals to NEH for 2002 - 2012." Requester is interested in knowing, for each grant program at NEH, how many philosophers applied and how many of those applications were funded. Does not want individuals' names, only departments if at university, for example. Also wants gender, distribution by state, and percentage if NEH can reasonably determine this by data available.</p>	7/16/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant
13-28	Thomas H. Jones	<p>A copy of correspondence from United States Senator Mark Pryor – both from his personal Senate office or from any committees or subcommittees – and the response to the correspondence. I am not seeking information related to casework conducted by the Senator on behalf of individual constituents. I believe the correspondence are most likely to be held by your Office of Congressional Affairs and likely tracked within a correspondence management system. I am specifically looking for correspondence regarding legislation or regulations, recommendations for executive branch positions or appointments, or support or opposition to federal funding for programs, projects, or companies.</p>	8/13/2013 via e-mail	Partial Grant B6
13-29	Malinka Tacuma Wade Moye	<p>Would you please forward information about WE THE PEOPLE program?</p>	7/26/2013	Full Grant

13-30	Delano Lopez	<p>"Any and all records related to NEH funded project FS-20346-82, "The Question of Postmodernism: Text, Context, Theory," including (but not limited to) grant proposals, award letters, deliberations, and follow-up reports. This project was part of Education Programs, granted to the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, with the Project Director of Ihab Hassan. It began January, 1982, and ended in December, 1982."</p> <p>"I am requesting any and all records related to the following projects including (but not limited to) grant proposals, award letters, deliberations, and follow-up reports.</p> <p>Education Programs: EH-20881-88, FS-21071-83, FS-21633-87, FS-21655-87, FS-21999-88, FS-22113-89, FS-22245-91, FS-22259-91, FS-22626-93, FS-22919-95.</p> <p>Fellowships and Seminars: FI-23274-90, FI-23327-90, FI-24691-91, FI-26913-94, FJ-21529-94, FJ-21563-94, FJ-21773-95, FJ-21835-95, FJ-22000-95, FJ-22188-95.</p> <p>Research Programs: FA-29304-90, FA-34805-98, FA-50312-04, FB-26012-88, FB-33605-96, FB-34667-98, FB-34882-98, FB-55530-11, FT-30448-88, FT-31907-89, FT-32642-89, FT-33738-90, FT-36945-92, FT-43524-98, FT-44432-99, FT-45480-00, FT-46669-02, FT-53254-05, FT-54128-06, FT-59814-12, RP-20482-83, RX-20854-87, RX-21131-89."</p> <p>Spoke to requester via telephone (8/13/2013) to discuss request; advised that files may be destroyed, are located at off-site storage facility, and that he is in "other requester" category so must pay search and duplication fees (over the 2 hr / 100 copy free threshold)- requester asked to know what files we have, and for an estimate on fees.</p> <p>E-mailed requester (8/23/2013) to advise that grant number FS-20346-82 has been destroyed in</p>	REQUEST STILL OPEN AT END OF FY 2013	
13-31	Malinka Tacuma Wade Moyer	<p>"Would you send me more information of grants available of National Endowment for the Humanities."</p> <p>"Would you also send me grant information & mission statement of State Justice Institute?"</p>	8/20/2013	Full Grant

13-32	Karen Divina	"I request the names and contact information (email, mailing addresses, and/or telephone numbers) of your organization's HR Director, Assistant HR Director, and HR Officer(s) and/or Branch Chief(s), if applicable. The request is for headquarters, regional, and/or field offices, not including U.S Territories or foreign offices."	8/20/2013 e-mailed requester to advise that info is available on NEH website	Full Grant
13-33	Michael Ravnitzky	An electronic/digital copy of each of the internal administrative periodic progress reports on the National Digital Newspaper Program during 2012 and 2013 to date. Clarified and limited request via e-mail (9/9/2013): Requester actually wants performance reports submitted by grantees (NEH does not maintain "internal administrative periodic progress reports" other than these performance reports). Requester only wants a sample of the reports - five reports in total, any five are fine.	9/18/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant
13-34	Thomas H. Jones	A copy of correspondence from United States Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) – both from his personal Senate office or from any leadership offices – and the response to the correspondence. I am not seeking information related to casework conducted by the Senator on behalf of individual constituents. I believe the correspondence are most likely to be held by your Office of Congressional Affairs and likely tracked within a correspondence management system. I am specifically looking for correspondence regarding legislation or regulations, recommendations for executive branch positions or appointments, or support or opposition to federal funding for programs, projects, or companies.	9/26/2013 via e-mail	Full Grant
13-35	(b)(6), University of Oklahoma	I submitted an application for an NEH fellowship in spring 2010, was turned down, and then requested the reviewers' comments, which I received in an email dated Feb. 15, 2011. The initial reviews ranged from very high to very low; after the discussion period on my application, the highs got lower. Since my proposed topic was very interdisciplinary, I suspect that the lower reviews came from my failing to communicate across the relevant disciplines. It would help me to understand these reactions, and thus to write a better proposal, if I knew who the panelists were. Even though I won't know who wrote which evaluation, knowing their fields and research focus might allow me to guess which disciplinary area I failed to impress!	9/19/2013 via e-mail and postal mail	Full Grant